

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION

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Date 2/9/54

To: DIRECTOR, FBI *509.7 72-54*

From: Special Agent [Redacted]

Field Office or Division Newark Field Office

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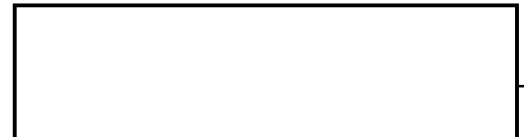
SYNOPSIS OF SUGGESTION - *(RA)* In developing Toplev informants, it is suggested that field offices with sufficient CP activity therein submit to Bureau a background sketch of six top Communists who would be of the most investigative value to Bureau as informants. The Bureau compile this list, send it to field for review by agents to determine if there is some common factor in both the agent's and subject's backgrounds which could be used as an aid for instituting interviews with the subject. When warranted the Bureau send agent on special assignment to appropriate division for this purpose.
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It should save at least \$ _____ annually.

The use by the United States of my suggestion shall not form the basis of a further claim of any nature by me, my heirs, or assigns upon the United States

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Comments and recommendation of Supervisor, SAC, or Assistant Director: Considering the time involved in the preparation, distribution and review by Agents of the proposes sketches, as well as the remoteness of the instances wherein there might be common factors in the backgrounds of Special Agents and subjects, it is not felt that the suggestion is a practicable one.



(Signature)

Special Agent in Charge

10-3-99 (Title)

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It is believed by the writer that in developing Toplev Informants within the CP - USA, one of the most difficult obstacles encountered by agents is in getting the subject to agree to talk to, or at least listen to, the interviewing agents in the initial contact. While extensive effort has been devoted to the development of methods and techniques of soliciting the services of active Communists, this is, of course, of no value unless the subject will allow the agents to talk to him.

It is also believed that in many cases, getting subjects to allow themselves to be interviewed in the first place has been due to some common bond which the subject can be shown exists between the Communist and the Special Agent of the FBI. In some cases, this has been mutual attendance in the past at the same school, in both having been raised in the same locality and/or section, in mutual past acquaintance with some third person or group, or in some circumstance which gives the agent an opportunity to talk easily with the subject first about some other topic not necessarily connected with the FBI or Communism. It is felt that in some cases the utilization of this bond (logical or emotional, but one recognizable by the Communist subject) has in some degree been left to chance factors.

It is therefore suggested by the writer that the Bureau consider the following proposed plan to determine if it would be of practicable assistance in the development of Toplev Communist Informants.

Each field division having a substantial CP organization active in its territory carefully and selectively submit to the Bureau the names of not more than six subjects, without regard to previous uncooperative interviews conducted with them, which in the opinion of each division would be of the greatest investigative value to the Bureau were it possible to develop them as informants. Each division could submit a very brief thumbnail sketch of the personal background of the subject. It is believed this sketch should include not a resume of the subjects' CP activities but rather items such as location where their childhood was spent, schools attended, activities in groups other than Communist groups, names of close friends not connected with Communist activity, places of employment, and other interests which the Communist might have, such as sports, etc., outside the Communist movement.

This list, together with the background paragraph can be assembled at the Seat of Government, mimeographed, and disseminated to agents throughout the field. Agents will then be able to review this list, which would probably not exceed 100-150 names, to ascertain if there is a subject on this list who the agent believes he could interview because of some factor in their background such as is set out above. It is possible that an agent might discover that he had been personally acquainted with a subject in the past, through having been a classmate, a fellow employee or by some other chance factor.

Where such a situation existed, the Bureau could then, if warranted, have the agent sent on a special assignment to the division wherein the subject is located for the sole purpose of attempting to initiate a series of interviews with the subject. This agent could work with an agent assigned to the Toplev Program in that division. It is believed that such an assignment could be administratively handled in much the same manner as other special assignments, such as in major criminal investigations.

It is believed that the savings this suggestion might induce if it resulted in the development of Top Level Communist Informants would have to be computed from an estimate of the savings of agent investigation time and effort.

It is believed that development of Top Level Informants with the CP-USA, would immeasurably facilitate the discharge of the Bureau's responsibilities in the Internal Security field.

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SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM (63-2542-3)

There are transmitted herewith copies of a publication entitled "A Red Paper on Forced Labor" for use in the captioned programs. This analysis of the legal, social and economic aspects of slave labor in the Soviet Union and the satellite nations is documented by official Soviet publications as well as the testimony of individuals who survived incarceration in slave labor camps.

The availability of this material should be brought to the attention of all agents in your office who are assigned to internal security and related investigations. A small additional supply of this publication is being maintained in the Central Research Unit at the Bureau in the event additional copies are required by your office.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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The Central Research Unit obtained 500 copies of a publication entitled "A Red Paper on Forced Labor" from the United States Information Agency (USIA), a copy of which is attached. This publication is an analysis of the social, legal, and economic aspects of slave labor in the Soviet Union and the satellite nations, documented by official Soviet publications, as well as the testimony of individuals who survived incarceration in slave labor camps.

Copies of this publication are being furnished the field in quantities recommended by the Internal Security Section for use in the captioned programs of the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached letter forwarding copies of this publication to the field be approved and returned to the Central Research Unit, where it will be dated and arrangements completed for transmitting it to the appropriate field offices.

V. P. Keay

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Attention: Assistant Director A. H. BELMONT

Rebulet dated 12/4/53, authorizing a Toplev contact with the captioned subject.

During a surveillance near the residence of [Redacted] it appeared that [Redacted] avoided the surveilling agents who were in a Bureau car near his home and on one specific occasion he walked two blocks out of his way to avoid these agents who were attempting to make a Toplev contact.

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On 1/28/54, a surveillance was instituted near his home by SAs [Redacted] and ROBERT M. GRANT at 4:35 p.m. [Redacted] returned home from work on foot. About a half block from his house SA [Redacted] attempted to contact him. SA [Redacted] called to him, but due to the traffic conditions was unable to reach him before he rounded the corner and went into his house. From the subject's complete indifference to the agent whom he saw, it was impossible to determine if [Redacted] had actually heard the agent. SA GRANT observed this attempt from a Bureau car parked nearby.

On 2/11/54, SAs WILLIAM E. HUGHES and ROBERT M. GRANT surveilled his home again. At 4:30 p.m. [Redacted] was seen driving his car toward his house. As he pulled into the curb to park, SA GRANT approached the car from the rear. [Redacted] saw the agent approaching and instead of parking, immediately pulled away from the curb and drove away. The subject gave the agent no opportunity to talk to him. It was obvious that [Redacted] heard the agent and knew an effort was being made to speak to him. It was apparent that [Redacted] is aware of these efforts and will not even stop to talk to the agents.

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In view of the above, no further attempts to interview the subject will be made. If, however, any information is developed that indicates he will be receptive to a contact, Bureau authority will be requested for such contact.

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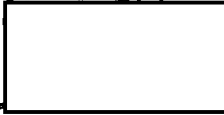
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Reurlet dated January 28, 1954.

Authority is granted to recontact  away from residence and place of business after a lapse of sixty days from the last interview on January 21, 1954.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with Toplev subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if the interview cannot be conducted by April 21, 1954, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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ATTENTION: Assistant
Director A. H. BELMONT

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 10, 1953, in which authority was granted to contact [redacted] away from his residence and place of business in [redacted] Washington.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

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On January 19 and 20, 1954, SAs JOSEPH F. MAC FARLAND and [redacted] were in [redacted] Washington. During the late afternoon hours of January 19, 1954, agents conducted a spot check surveillance in the vicinity of [redacted] Streets where agents noted [redacted] automobile [redacted] shop. Shortly after 3:30 p.m., agents noted [redacted] proceeding in a direction towards his automobile; however, he was accompanied by other unidentified men who were in all probability employed in the shop where [redacted]. Due to this fact, agents were unable to attempt any approach to [redacted] at that time.

On January 20, 1954, agents conducted numerous intermittent spot check surveillances in the vicinity of subject's residence at [redacted] and in the vicinity of [redacted] Streets where [redacted] usually parked his automobile while at his place of employment. During the morning hours of January 20, agents noted that [redacted] automobile was not in the vicinity of its usual parking place, and agents then presumed that he might have parked in a different spot due to the heavy snow fall which had come down the preceding night. Agents then carefully checked various and sundry other parking lots in the vicinity, and failed to note [redacted] car anywhere in the area. During the afternoon hours, agents returned to the downtown area of Spokane and proceeded to the vicinity of [redacted] residence. It was noted that [redacted] automobile was parked in his garage, and the driveway leading thereto was covered with over one foot of snow. It was apparent that [redacted] car was not able to move until said snow was shoveled out.

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After learning this, agents placed a pretext telephone call to the

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residence of [REDACTED] phone number [REDACTED] and it was learned that [REDACTED] however, he would not return home until approximately 5:30 p.m. On learning this, agents again proceeded to the vicinity of [REDACTED] where they took up surveillance posts in an effort to spot [REDACTED] leaving [REDACTED] Agents were unable to make contact with [REDACTED] at this time due to the fact that all the employees left in a bunch and proceeded to board a [REDACTED] city transit bus to the downtown area.

Inasmuch as it was snowing heavily in [REDACTED] at this time, and inasmuch as agents had been unsuccessful in effecting a secure approach to [REDACTED] it was decided to place a telephone call to him at his home.

TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED]

At 5:40 p.m. on January 20, 1954, [REDACTED] was telephonically contacted at his residence, [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] immediately appeared to be very friendly and stated that the weather had him "bogged down". He said that just recently his car had been parked in his garage and on going to start it the following morning, found the battery frozen, steering apparatus frozen, and he said from all indications his car would be "stymied" for quite a spell. He said that due to this fact it had been rather difficult for him to travel to and from work as he had to put up with the city transit buses and the large crowd using said buses for transportation. Agents remarked to [REDACTED] that they were in the area on some other matters of business, and would appreciate having an opportunity to chat with him some time at his convenience. [REDACTED] stated that he was quite cold and hungry and did not want to venture out in the frigid temperature, and that the best time to see him as far as he was concerned, would be the following day shortly after he had finished his day's work. He stated that his employment hours are still the same, and that he gets through with his work at 3:30 p.m., leaves the [REDACTED] Street where he catches a bus to return home. Agents immediately offered [REDACTED] a ride home from work on January 21, 1954, and he readily accepted saying that he would be looking for agents at approximately 3:30 p.m. and would be very glad to see them, and most appreciative of a ride home.

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During the early afternoon hours of January 21, 1954, agents took up a surveillance post in the vicinity of [REDACTED]

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Streets where they could secure a spot to meet [REDACTED] when he would finish his work at 3:30 p.m. It should be noted here that at this time there was approximately one foot of snow on the ground and snow had been falling continually for the past eight hours. Shortly before 3:30, one agent assumed a position in the area near where [REDACTED] regularly parked his car, sheltered by the eaves of a small coal shed. From this vantage point it would be possible to see [REDACTED] crossing the railroad tracks from the roundhouse when he would be traveling toward the bus stop. The other agent took up a position at the corner of [REDACTED] Street near where the city transit bus stopped.

At 3:30 p.m. various individuals were noted leaving the [REDACTED] shops, however, visibility was very poor due to the fact of the heavy snow fall. It should be noted here also that the spot where [REDACTED] usually parked his automobile was under some 18" of snow, and there were no beaten foot paths in the immediate area. At any rate, [REDACTED] apparently took a different route leaving the shop than he usually does, and he showed up at [REDACTED] Streets without having passed the usual exits he usually uses. He was met at the corner of [REDACTED] Streets and he immediately exchanged most cordial greetings with agents, and he immediately proceeded to enter a Bureau automobile.

INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] ON JANUARY 21, 1954

At the outset, agents inquired of [REDACTED] as to his health and general welfare, and he said that he had been getting along as well as could be expected; however, he made mention of the fact that he was having trouble with one eye inasmuch as a small cataract was forming thereon. He said that he was not able to read as much as he had in the past, and stated that he would have to have an operation some time in the future to correct said cataract. He also said that he had been feeling poor otherwise at times, but stated with a smile that he guessed he was feeling as good as could be expected for a man of his age.

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Agents inquired of [REDACTED] as to whether he had been contacted by any of his former associates in the Communist Party, and he replied in the negative, stating that during the past year he has been exceptionally busy with his work and has had no opportunity at all to circulate and participate in organization work of any kind. Agents inquired of [REDACTED] as to how he had attempted to contact any of the former members of the Communist Party, and he replied that he had not; and he also was asked the question as to whether he

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had visited with [REDACTED] who was recently convicted for violation of the Smith Act in Seattle, Washington, and to this inquiry he replied in the negative. He mentioned that as far as [REDACTED] is concerned, that there was [REDACTED]

Agents inquired of [REDACTED] as to how his mother was, and generally what he did with himself at night, and he advised agents that he probably reads more newspapers than anybody else in the city, in that he subscribes to the "San Francisco Examiner", the "Spokesman Review" published at Spokane, Washington, the "Wall Street Journal", the "New York Times", and when he has an opportunity, he familiarizes himself with the left wing press. Agents talked with him generally about present economic conditions in which he is vitally interested from the standpoint of his stock market operations, and he commented that it was very difficult to make an accurate judgement of economic trends because of the conflicting statements concerning employment, commodity prices, and other economic comments emanating from high places in government and business circles; that it is difficult to believe the press about anything, and that it was his considered opinion that conditions would continue to provide for full employment and adequate payrolls for some little time to come.

Agents suggested to [REDACTED] at this time that he had experienced something which the government experiences in his endeavor to follow economic trends by not being able to get accurate information--and the government had experienced similar difficulties in the matter of securing accurate information concerning subversive activities. It was suggested to [REDACTED] that because of his interest in truth and his desire to get accurate information upon matters which were pertinent to his well being, that he probably could and would assist the government by securing accurate reliable information with respect to subversive activities in the [REDACTED] area.

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To this suggestion [REDACTED] replied that "there is nothing that I can do about that until somebody comes to me". Agents advised [REDACTED] that they thought that he had excellent judgement in this regard, and that he should keep himself "open" in the event a contact was made with him by some functionary of the Communist Party to recruit him into future Communist Party activity. [REDACTED] stated that if somebody did come to him, that he would "go along" and that agents could see him again.

The above interview with [REDACTED] was had in a Bureau automobile, during which time agents were driving [REDACTED] from his place of employment to his

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residence. All throughout the interview, [redacted] appeared quite friendly and seemed to be sincere in what he was saying. He was rather emphatic in stating that he still did not want to spend too much time in the future in pursuing what the agents desired of him; however, he made it plain that in the event some activity was brought to him by a functionary or leader of the party, he would receive said individual with an open ear and more or less string along with him. As stated above, he made mention of the fact that it would be rather foolish if he, himself, were to make any original contact at this time, with any of his former acquaintances in the party. He also made mention of the fact that as he has done in the past, if he at any time came into possession of information which he deemed that the government should know in regard to the security of the nation, that he felt that he knew where to go and how to report said information. He also said that in the event such information came to his attention, he would need no prompting whatsoever as a citizen, relative to reporting same.

Attention is called to Seattle letter dated December 2, 1953, in which authority was granted to recontact this subject in order to ascertain whether or not he had a genuine desire to cooperate with the government. It was also pointed out that a situation had arisen in the Seattle area at the current time relative to one ELMER FRANCIS SIOVALL (Bureau file 100-350864) in that he, SIOVALL, had executed a PSQ questionnaire and affidavit on July 22, 1953 for the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, in which he, SIOVALL, stated that he was not a member of any organization which advocated the violent overthrow of the United States Government. In this connection it might be pointed out that SIOVALL during the mid and late 1940's was actively engaged in Communist Party affairs [redacted]

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During the course of the interview with [redacted] agents exhibited to him a picture of [redacted] and he stated without any delay whatsoever that he did not know the man. Also during the interview, agents asked [redacted] if he at any time had become acquainted with one [redacted] [redacted] said that he did not know [redacted]

TIME OF INTERVIEW

The above described telephonic interview was had with [redacted] on January 20, 1954, [redacted] Washington between the time of 5:40 and 5:50 p.m., agents calling from a public pay station to [redacted] residence, [redacted] phone

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The interview with [redacted] on January 21, 1954 was had in a Bureau automobile while traveling between the intersection of [redacted] Street to the residence of [redacted] Washington. Said interview was had between the times of 3:40 and 4:20 p.m.

EVALUATION

Agents feel that subject [redacted] has apparently given considerable thought to matters which were previously discussed with him by agents, and it was noted by agents that [redacted] was considerably more open and frank in his discussion on January 21, 1954. Agents believe that [redacted] at the outset was endeavoring to size up the agents and see if they were genuine in their requests of him, or whether they were trying to out maneuver him. When [redacted] was previously contacted, agents noted immediately that he was very evasive; however, on the last interview [redacted] appeared to be quite sincere and made the remark of his own volition to the effect that he could not be of any service in the desired matter until he was contacted by functionaries or leaders of the party. At the time he explained that it would be foolish for him to make the first overture.

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Agents feel that future contacts with [redacted] should be had, and it is anticipated that the Communist Party will endeavor to re-organize in the [redacted] area in the not too far distant future; and in all probability [redacted] will be recontacted by party leaders. Accordingly, Bureau authority is requested to recontact this subject after an elapse of 60 days.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99; [redacted])

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SAC, SEATTLE (66-2135; [redacted])

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ATTENTION: Assistant
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Rebulet 1/20/54 which granted authority to re-contact this subject directly at her home at [redacted] Washington, without prior notification. It was understood, however, in making this contact that agents would be most certain the subject at that time would be alone at home and that her husband would be away at work.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

On 2/8/54, SA's JOSEPH P. MAC FARLAND and [redacted] were in [redacted] Washington. Approximately 3:00 P.M. agents instituted a spot check surveillance in the vicinity of the subject's residence, [redacted] and very shortly after said surveillance was started agents noted that visitors were conversing with subject in her home. At approximately 4:30 P.M. agents noted subject's husband drive up in his 1938 Ford automobile, apparently returning home from work. Agents made intermittent checks with subject's residence throughout the evening hours on February 8, 1954, however at no time was subject noted to be without company in her home on that date.

Again on 2/9/54, agents instituted spot check surveillances in the vicinity of subject's residence and shortly prior to 8:00 A.M. agents noted that subject's husband left for work. Shortly after her husband did leave agents noted that the lights within the home were put out and apparently subject had again retired. Agents noted again at approximately 10:30 A.M. that subject was up and about within her home and apparently was only partially dressed as she could be seen walking around in her home in her negligee.

Agents maintained a watch throughout the neighborhood and noted that no individuals had called on subject during the morning hours of February 9 and shortly after 11:30 agents noted subject leave the back door of her home and walk a short distance to the clothesline where she hung up some clothes. At this time agents noted that subject was fully dressed and apparently was going about her household chores.

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At twelve noon subject was again seen leaving the back door of her home carrying some more clothes to the clothesline and bringing some in that were apparently dry. Agents could see through the kitchen window that subject was standing at an ironing board where she was ironing clothes. Agents were most certain at this time that subject was alone at home and felt sure that an approach at this time would be most satisfactory with all in regard to security.

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INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT

At 12:12 P.M., on 2/9/54, agents knocked on the front door of subject's residence and she immediately answered the door. Agents courteously greeted Mrs. [redacted] and stated that they were most happy to see her again and she in turn replied that she had given consideration to the previous contact had with her by agents and had come to the conclusion that she wanted nothing more whatever to do with the agents. Agents suggested to Mrs. [redacted] that she probably would be kind enough to afford agents a few minutes of her time to discuss the problem of mutual interest which was brought up with her on the occasion of the previous contact. She stated, "I'm sorry gentlemen. I have nothing to say." Mrs. [redacted] then started to close the door and agents said, "Why, Mrs. [redacted] we are quite surprised at your attitude as we are here in the most friendly way for the purpose of enlisting your cooperation to help your government and yourself and your neighbors in a matter of vital importance." Mrs. [redacted] opened the door a short way again and she said, "I have nothing to say and that is all." She started closing the door again when agents said to her, "Why, Mrs. [redacted] we know that you would be interested in learning that many people identify themselves with organizations whose program surfacely appears desirable and are mislead into rendering service to that organization, which is a detriment to the community, to the individual, and to the government." Mrs. [redacted] stated, "I'm sorry. I told you I have nothing to say" and she then slammed the door in the agents' faces.

TIME OF INTERVIEW

The above-described interview with this subject was had between time times of 12:12 P.M. and 12:15 P.M. at [redacted] Kelso, Washington, on February 9, 1954.

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EVALUATION

Agents are of the opinion that this subject undoubtedly discussed the fact that she was contacted by agents with her husband and came to the definite conclusion that she wants nothing to do with the FBI. Mrs. [redacted] on the occasion of this second interview did not exhibit any

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amount of courtesy as she did when she was originally contacted in January, 1954. Mrs. [redacted] was very curt and quite certain from her remarks that she wanted nothing further to do with the FBI.

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Agents do not feel that further contact with this subject is warranted at this time.

Director, FBI (100-3-99)
ATT: Assistant Director A.H. BELMONT
SAC, New York [redacted]

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Rebulet dated 12/15/53, authorizing this office to
recontact [redacted] of the CP functionary
[redacted] whenever feasible, when away from his residence
and place of employment.

Please be advised that the recontact with [redacted]
has not been conducted as of this date, because of the recent
visit of Chicago Informant CG-5824, to this city. The contact
with [redacted] has been held in abeyance since it was not deemed
advisable by this office to directly approach [redacted] during the
time that the above mentioned informant was visiting in this area.

This office intends to directly approach [redacted] on the
street, away from his place of employment and residence, within
the next 30 days.

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ATT: Assistant Director A. H. BELMONT
SAC, New York [redacted]

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Rebulet 2/16/53 authorizing an interview with [redacted]

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This will advise that the interview with [redacted] has been delayed. During the course of spot check surveillances in January and on February 5, 9, 10 and 12/54 it was ascertained that [redacted] continues to reside at [redacted] and that he works several days a week at the [redacted]. However, [redacted] has not been observed alone under conditions suitable for an interview.

Efforts to contact [redacted] will continue and the Bureau will be advised of results of a contact made with [redacted] by 3/15/54.

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Reurlet dated February 4, 1954.

It is noted that you consider a direct approach to [redacted] at this time inadvisable and you suggest that investigation be conducted to determine whether an approach may be made through a third party.

It is assumed that you intend to utilize [redacted] in this regard and there is no objection to your deferring a direct approach to the subject until you have had an opportunity to further evaluate the possibilities through utilization of [redacted] who is presently under development.

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Attention: Mr. A. H. PELMONT, Assistant Director

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Re: Mylet, December 3, 1953.

Since referenced letter was written, close and continuous attention has been given to the situation surrounding [redacted]

In addition to the further development of [redacted] a confidential contact is being developed with [redacted] who is a [redacted] employee in Detroit and has no known Communist associations.

It also appears that [redacted] may be drifting another [redacted] into Negro front activities. Marital difficulties between [redacted] and his wife have again resulted in a physical brawl, and the feeling of antipathy between them is evidently very strong.

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Information received through the contacts mentioned above indicate, as has been felt from the beginning, that [redacted] is interested in money and the Negro rather than the CP. Further indications are that he is "not satisfied with things" at the present time.

There are several avenues of approach to [redacted] at the present time; however, none of these appear to have the assurance of a successful contact with [redacted] at this particular moment. It is believed that if approach "on the street" was made by an Agent at this time there would be a very good likelihood that the results would be embarrassing and fruitless. On the other hand, it is believed that if a contact can be arranged through someone close to [redacted] there exists a good possibility that he might be persuaded to cooperate.

Accordingly, authority is requested to continue the investigation in this case in line with the strategy involved in a third party contact.

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Reurlet February 5, 1954.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted]
whenever feasible away from residence.

In conducting this interview you should
be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating
to interviews with Toplev subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if
it is not possible to approach the subject within
60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason
why the contact has not been made and when you
anticipate conducting the interview.

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ATTEN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
A. H. BELMONT

The subject is being considered for an interview
under the toplev program by this Office.

BACKGROUND

[redacted] was born [redacted] at Los Angeles,
California. He married [redacted] at
Los Angeles. His father was [redacted]
and his mother was [redacted] Mrs. [redacted]
parents were listed as [redacted] both born
in [redacted]

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[redacted] completed four years of high school and
two years of college at the University of California at
Los Angeles.

In 1944 [redacted] was employed as an [redacted] by the
[redacted] Los Angeles, and had been employed in this
capacity since 1938. As of March, 1948, [redacted] was employed
as an [redacted]
Los Angeles, and in July, 1949, he was [redacted]
[redacted] with offices at [redacted] Los Angeles.
[redacted] has continued to be [redacted] and
since December, 1952, has maintained his offices at his
residence, [redacted] Los Angeles.

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The Santa Monica, California, Police Department
record [redacted] reveals that [redacted] who is identical
with the subject was one of several individuals who were
placed in temporary custody by that department on [redacted]

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LA [redacted]

This literature was being distributed in behalf of a mobilization being conducted by the 16th CD Section of the Los Angeles County Communist Party (LACCP). No charges were filed against the subject and he was released after properly identifying himself.

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The records of the Los Angeles Police Department reflect under record [redacted] who was born [redacted] at Los Angeles and who resided at [redacted] was arrested on [redacted] on suspicion of burglary but was released without formal charges on [redacted].

CP HISTORY

[redacted] was a member of the [redacted] of the [redacted] LACCP, in 1944. The subject and his wife, [redacted] were both identified as members of the [redacted] LACCP, in 1944.

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As of 1947 [redacted] was a member of the LACCP, and according to a reliable informant, had been associated with the organization for approximately five years. Sometime during 1947 [redacted] of the LACCP.

In 1952 and 1953 [redacted] Los Angeles, were identified as being connected with the CP [redacted] and indications were that the [redacted] residence during that period had been used [redacted] the CP in Los Angeles County.

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[redacted] the Civil Rights Congress and currently affiliates with the Independent Progressive Party of California.

ASSOCIATES, WEAKNESSES AND PERSONALITY

[redacted] is not known to have any associates other than those individuals with whom he has associated in the CP or the CP front organizations.

LA [REDACTED]

Confidential informants who are acquainted with [REDACTED] have furnished no information indicating any current dispute or dissatisfaction on the part of [REDACTED] with the CP or its current leadership. Information available to this Office indicates that [REDACTED] and his wife are both trusted members of the Communist organization.

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APPROACH

Authority is requested to approach [REDACTED] for an interview under the Toplev program by placing him under surveillance until such time as maximum security prevails and thereafter interviewing him.

SAC, Seattle (66-2135) [redacted]

February 15, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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Reurlet dated February 1, 1954.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible away from residence and any place of employment.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with Toplev subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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BACKGROUND

The above-captioned individual is a white man and he was born [redacted] Main. Records at the [redacted] School in Seattle reflect that this subject completed the eighth grade in elementary school and later studied courses in business training at the [redacted] School during the summer and fall of 1950.

Subject enlisted in the United States Army at Seattle,

[redacted]

During early 1943 and throughout the first half of 1944 subject worked on various jobs in Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Washington as an [redacted] worker.

In June 1944 subject was issued a [redacted] as an [redacted] Texas during the latter part of August 1945. In 1946 subject obtained odd jobs in and about Seattle.

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On March 24, 1947, the Communist Party in the state of Washington held a [redacted] meeting and subject [redacted] was [redacted] for the Communist Party and was ordered to proceed to [redacted] Washington where he would [redacted] Washington. It should be noted

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here that [redacted] job and subject received remuneration for his work from the Communist Party, State of Washington. Subject stayed in the vicinity of [redacted] until early 1948 at which time he had been replaced as [redacted] for the Communist Party by one [redacted] and the subject was then relegated to a more minor position with the Party and was no longer paid and he at that time moved to the [redacted] area, state of Washington. While in this area, he still did work for the CP and was not paid and accordingly found it necessary to secure employment with the [redacted] Washington, as a [redacted]. He worked there from February 1948 until March 1949. In July 1949 subject worked for the [redacted] in the [redacted] Washington area as a [redacted]. During the latter part of 1949, subject left [redacted] returning to Seattle, Washington, where he received various sundry jobs such as that of a [redacted], and other odd jobs.

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As noted above in the employment history of the subject, he has spent a major portion of his adult life in the Pacific Northwest area. Subject at the current time is residing at [redacted] Washington, with his common-law wife, [redacted].

From information available in the Seattle Office, the subject is currently unemployed but is constantly looking for work inasmuch as he is hard pressed financially.

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MARITAL STATUS

Records at the [redacted] in Seattle list subject as being married to one [redacted] however, no recorded information has been located in [redacted] Seattle, Washington, that subject ever married [redacted]. Concerning this, subject during late 1949 [redacted]

[redacted] Washington.

SE 66-2135; [REDACTED]

PERSONALITY

According to Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, subject [REDACTED] is an egotistical individual and seems to want his associates to know that he is well versed in whatever he might be doing. The informant has also indicated that subject [REDACTED] on occasion is lazy and inclined to be deceitful.

HOBBIES

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No particular information has come to the attention of this office relative to any hobbies engaged in by this subject.

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

Subject [REDACTED] was first noted active in CP affairs in the Seattle area during early 1944. Information furnished by informants at that time indicated that subject [REDACTED] in all probability, was a member of [REDACTED] CP, Seattle, Washington. According to CP transfer card No. [REDACTED] issued at CP Headquarters, Seattle, on [REDACTED], subject [REDACTED] who then lived at [REDACTED] had been transferred from [REDACTED] CP, in Seattle.

Shortly after the dissolution of the Communist Party in 1944 and the formation of the Communist Political Association, information was received from informants to the effect that [REDACTED] had Communist Political Association book No. [REDACTED] and was a member of the [REDACTED] CPA, [REDACTED] Seattle.

In June 1944 this subject attended the Second Session of the Northwest District Communist Convention held at Victory Hall in Seattle.

All throughout 1944, 1945 and 1946, this individual became increasingly active in CP affairs in Seattle, and during this period became quite well acquainted with Communist Party functionaries in the Seattle area. Also, it might be pointed out that subject from time to time attended closed meetings of various section leaders of the Communist organization in the state of Washington.

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In November 1946, [redacted] attended a meeting of the [redacted] Committee, CP, where various organizers were in conference. On March 27, 1947 the [redacted] CP functionaries held a meeting in Seattle and at this meeting subject [redacted] by the group to [redacted] for the CP (a paid job) and was ordered to go to [redacted] Washington, where he would assume duties there as [redacted] Washington. Subject served in this capacity throughout the rest of 1947 until he was replaced in early 1948 by one [redacted]. Subject then moved to the [redacted] Washington area where his duties were minimized; however, he still continued to function as a CP [redacted] in that area but he was no longer on the payroll and found it necessary to obtain outside employment in order to secure the means of a livelihood.

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In this connection, it might be mentioned that [redacted] while in [redacted] apparently became involved in Party difficulties and functionaries in Seattle evidently soured on him. He was in rather dire straits regarding a large literature and People's World bill that he had accrued in [redacted] which was at the time of his departure from the area unpaid. Also, subsequent to that time while subject was in the [redacted] area, he apparently did not meet with the approval of his superiors inasmuch as a letter furnished by informants which subject had written to [redacted] indicated that he felt that Party was right and that he should not return to [redacted].

In May 1950, information was received from a reliable informant to the effect that this subject had been placed on probation by the CP. This informant did not know the exact reason why subject was placed on probation. Also, in December, 1950, [redacted] advised that when subject returned to Seattle from [redacted] Washington, information was spread around by Communist Party members and officials that members should not associate with [redacted].

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In 1950, however, subject [redacted] has again become active in Communist Party affairs in the Seattle area and at the current time is attending many functions sponsored by the CP and related front groups. It should also be pointed out that throughout the past five years or more, subject's paramour, [redacted] has also been active in and has participated in Communist Party affairs.

SE 66-2135; [redacted]

During the past ten years, subject [redacted] has been active in Communist Party front groups as well as Communist Party affairs and has attended meetings of organizations such as the PROGRESSIVE PARTY, JOBS AND SECURITY COUNCIL, WASHINGTON PENSION UNION, PEOPLE'S WORLD, and the CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS. All of these above-mentioned organizations are dominated and controlled by the CP in the Seattle area. b7D

[redacted] during his CP membership has attended meetings where he was made known of the fact that the Communist Party had revolutionary aims. Concerning this, Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that subject [redacted] at a CP class on Communism held at [redacted] in Seattle on January 23, 1946. According to this informant, one ANDREW REMES, a top functionary in the State of Washington Communist Party, said at this affair, "The Communist Party will bring revolution because of its theory and international tie-ups with the French, Chinese and Russian Communist Party. The Communist Party is the only Party that is to reform the present American form of government."

FACTIONALISM

As mentioned above, subject apparently was involved in factional disputes with CP leaders inasmuch as when he returned from [redacted] Washington in 1949, he was in apparently bad graces with the Party and as such, other members were told not to associate with him. There is no information available in the Seattle files relative to any direct expulsion from the Party on the part of this subject; however, during late 1949 and 1950 he was apparently in bad standing with the Party. Since that time, however, subject has become active and apparently is in more or less good standing. b7D

FINANCES

Subject [redacted] during the past several years, has found it most difficult to earn the means of a livelihood. It is apparent from information available that he is entirely dependent upon employment he secures for the means of his living.

SE 66-2135; [REDACTED]

WOMEN

There is no information available in the Seattle files that [REDACTED] is currently associating with any woman other than [REDACTED]

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HARBORING STATUTE

Subject has not been approached in this regard.

KNOWLEDGE OF UNDERGROUND

It is not known whether or not subject [REDACTED] has in his possession definite information regarding the current underground set-up of the Communist Party in this area. It should be noted, however, that [REDACTED] in 1948 was one [REDACTED] has been operating in an underground status. [REDACTED] undoubtedly is well acquainted with [REDACTED] and other CP leaders who are in the underground at the current time; however, it is not known whether or not he has associated with any of these people during the past two or three years.

ASSOCIATES

Throughout the past ten years, it has been noted that [REDACTED] associates with CP members and sympathizers and other individuals who attend CP front meetings.

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HEALTH

While subject [REDACTED] was in the Army in 1942 he was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] revealed that [REDACTED] at that time was a dull, normal-appearing, [REDACTED] year old white male, who showed a surprising grasp and keenness out of keeping with his personal appearance, which was mildly eccentric. There was no evidence of psychosis. The diagnosis of [REDACTED] is made mainly on the basis of laboratory examination and is grouped technically with the brain anomalies and not infrequently is accompanied by a degree of mental deficiency and paralysis.

SE 66-2135; [redacted]

[redacted] and the total picture is that of an otherwise normal individual. From information available, subject [redacted] at the current time is in apparent good health.

CRIMINAL RECORD AND DESCRIPTION

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Subject is described as follows:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	[redacted]
Height	[redacted]
Weight	[redacted]
Build	Medium
Complexion	Medium
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Address	[redacted]
Occupation	Presently unemployed
Paramour	[redacted]
Photograph	Available in Seattle files.

Subject has FBI No. [redacted] and said identification record reflects the following:

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Concerning the above arrest record by the [redacted] County Sheriff's Office on [redacted], disposition was fined \$10.00 and costs.

APPROACH

Agents contemplate approaching this subject while he was away from the immediate area of his residence. At the current time he is unemployed and in order to effect an approach, a surveillance will be instituted in the immediate area of his home in an endeavor to locate him in a place with all due regard to security away from said home.

Agents will courteously identify themselves to this subject and make mention to him that they have a matter of mutual interest which they desire to discuss with him. If he is at all receptive, Agents will thoroughly explain to him the jurisdiction of the FBI both in the criminal field and in that of internal security. A talk will be had with this subject relative to his service in World War 2 and he will be asked about the different duties he performed in the Army. Also, he will be complimented upon his [redacted] and asked about the various trips he took as a [redacted]

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Agents feel that if this subject is at all attentive and in any way cooperative, a chance might be apparent to start him talking about the CP inasmuch as he apparently was given a "bum deal" by the Party in 1948 and 1949, shortly after [redacted] [redacted] for the Communist Party.

If this subject does cooperate, he undoubtedly could be of assistance to the Seattle Office inasmuch as he probably has a wealth of knowledge of Party activities and quite possibly has information of current value to date.

Bureau authority is requested to contact this subject in the above-described manner and in the event said authority is granted, he will be contacted as soon as possible contingent upon other TOPLEV assignments.

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SAC, New York [redacted] (100-116270)

February 1, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99) (100-408429)

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Reurlet dated February 5, 1954.

Authority is granted to contact Mirjanian whenever feasible away from residence and place of employment.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with Toplev subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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Director, FBI (100-3-99)
Attn: Asst. Dir. A. H. BELMONT
SAC, New York (100-116270)

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ARAM MIRJANIAN, Business Manager for the Armenian newspapers "Lraper" and the "Armenian Tribune", has been selected as a person to approach under the Toplev Program.

I. BACKGROUND

Birth Data

ARAM MIRJANIAN was born 8/28/04 at Varna, Bulgaria.

Marital Status

MIRJANIAN is reported to be single. He is the brother of ARMEN MIRJANIAN and has a sister, ARAXIE MIRJANIAN.

Race and Citizenship

ARAM MIRJANIAN is white and is a citizen of the U.S., having received his naturalization papers on 12/16/29 in the Southern District of New York.

Education

MIRJANIAN was reported to have completed three years of high school.

Employment

It has been reported that MIRJANIAN was Business Manager of the Armenian newspaper "Panvor", the forerunner of "Lraper." For a number of years he has been Business Manager of the Armenian language newspaper "Lraper" and of the "Armenian Tribune."

Prior to his employment with the newspaper, MIRJANIAN was reported to have been employed as a driver for the General Packing Company, 495 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn, from 2/28/30 to 12/31/46.

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Residence

MIRJANIAN resides with his sister, ARAXIE MIRJANIAN, aka Elsie, at 480 Audubon Ave., NYC. He has resided there since 1937.

II. COMMUNIST PARTY AFFILIATIONS

The newspaper "Panvor" was cited by the Mass. House Committee on Un-American Activities as being an Armenian weekly which the CP admits was under Communist influence.

The Armenian newspapers "Lraper" and the "Armenian Tribune" are organs of the Armenian Progressive League of America (APLA). The APLA has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

MIRJANIAN has been reported to be the "work horse" of the APLA. The newspapers "Lraper" and "Armenian Tribune", have been reported to carry the CP line to the Armenian community in the U.S. ARAM MIRJANIAN, as a member of the APLA, has been reported active in that organization and in the Armenian Youth of America (AYA), which is the youth group of the APLA. In August, 1953, MIRJANIAN attended the National Convention of the APLA held at Lakewood, NJ, and delivered a talk about the "Lraper."

Informants have reported that MIRJANIAN is a Communist, although they are unable to prove this fact. He is reported to work closely with MARTIC MARTENTZ, the editor of "Lraper", who is reported to be one of the most influential Communists among Armenians in the U.S. ARAM MIRJANIAN has a brother, ARMEN, who has been reported to be a militant Communist and is said to be one of the most dangerous Armenian Communists in the U.S. due to his work in the cultural and propaganda field because of his position as President of the APLA. ARMAN MIRJANIAN was reported to have joined Lodge 500 of the IWO in March, 1947.

ARAM MIRJANIAN's name has been recommended to the Bureau for placement on the Security Index.

III. PLAN OF APPROACH

The Bureau is requested for authority to contact ARAM MIRJANIAN pursuant to existing instructions relating to the Toplev Program. If such authority is granted, it is planned to approach him on the street after he has been surveilled a secure distance from his residence or employment. It is contemplated that such an interview will be conducted during the week of February 15, 1954, circumstances permitting.

SAC, New York [redacted]

February 15, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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Reurlet dated February 4, 1954.

Authority is granted to recontact [redacted] whenever feasible away from residence and place of employment.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with Toplev subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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ATTENTION: Assistant Director A.H. BELMONT
SAC, New York [redacted]

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Re NY letter dated 9/9/53 setting forth the results of the fourth interview with the subject and advising that [redacted] would be considered for another interview in approximately six months. It is noted that [redacted] during the four previous interviews had allowed the agents considerable amount of time to discuss CP and related issues and during the last interview with him [redacted] told the agents that they could contact him at any time. [redacted] has also advised the agents that he has not discussed the agents' conversations with him with any other persons.

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During the last three months [redacted] who was familiar with a number of CP functionaries in the [redacted] area, has been in close touch with [redacted] and it is noted that [redacted] has not advised [redacted] of the contacts that the agents have had with him.

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OSNY 58 made available information on 6/4/53 that on 3/19/53 a meeting of the [redacted] was held in [redacted] NYC.

[redacted] has advised that [redacted] during the Fall of 1953 was active in the American Labor Party as well as the Communist Party [redacted]

On 11/16/53 NY 822-S* related that SIDNEY REIFER had contacted [redacted] and indicated to the latter that they could forget about a particular unidentified matter for awhile and that they could let another matter go until Thursey at the same "spot".

For the information of the Bureau, [redacted] has advised during the summer of 1953 that SIDNEY REIFER was the Westside Coordinator of the NY County CP and that his wife, ROSE

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WITTER was described by [redacted] as a person who was authorized to convey messages for the Communist Party underground in the NYC area.

[redacted] has advised that on 1/19/54 an entertainment group was scheduled to leave NYC for Buffalo, NY and thereafter had engagements in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Newport News, Virginia and other cities in the South. [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] It is noted a part of the money which expects to be received by this entertainment group was to be given to the CI through [redacted].

During the other interviews with [redacted] he has pointed out to the agents that he was in close touch and sympathy with [redacted] of the ALP. Inasmuch as [redacted] has broken with the ALP, it is believed that [redacted] may have been forced to take a different stand than in the past and during another interview with [redacted] the agents will attempt to draw him out as to his present sympathies toward [redacted].

During the first interview with [redacted] he also made the statement that when a Negro becomes a cabinet member then he would be willing to discuss his background with the agents. It is noted that during the last NYC [redacted] CK. Negro, was [redacted]

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[redacted] It is believed that this is the highest elected position a colored person has held in the State of New York and it is believed that this fact would be a good contacting point in another interview with [redacted].

AUTHORITY TO RECONTACT

Bureau authority is requested for this office to recontact [redacted] during the week February 22, 1954 circumstances permitting. Such a re-interview would be

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conducted away from his residence and employment and will follow existing Bureau rules applying to interviews with Security subjects.

SAC, Seattle (100-22538)(66-2135)

February 15, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99)(100-379201)

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Reurlet February 5, 1954, concerning the
above-captioned individual who is presently an

[Redacted]
[Redacted] Washington.

According to referenced letter, [Redacted]
has been connected with Communist Party front groups
for some time, particularly the Progressive Party. His
[Redacted] is apparently acquainted
with Gil Green.

It is noted, however, that no information has
come to the attention of your office since subject's
arrival in your Division in September, 1953, relative
to Communist Party activities on his part.

Since there is no information indicating that
the subject is an active Communist on a high level or
is connected with the Communist Party underground,
authority is not granted to approach him under the
Toplev Program.

You should, therefore, make no efforts in this
regard and concentrate on other subjects of Toplev
caliber.

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- Ladd _____
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- Clegg _____
- Glavin _____
- Harbo _____
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- Tracy _____
- Gearty _____
- Mohr _____
- Winterrowd _____
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ATTENTION: Assistant
Director A. H. BELMONT

BACKGROUND

The above captioned individual, a white man, was born in Chicago, Illinois, [Redacted] This individual is the son of one [Redacted]

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Subject graduated from [Redacted] Illinois,

[Redacted]

Subject graduated from the [Redacted]

Regarding his tour of study at [Redacted] University, he also took up such subjects as English, history, economics, psychology and education.

Subject [Redacted] is married and his wife is one [Redacted]

Subject's wife is a [Redacted]

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[Redacted] enlisted in the U. S. Navy in January 1943 at Chicago, Illinois, and was honorably discharged in San Francisco on [Redacted]

[Redacted]

From [Redacted] subject was employed in a [Redacted] in [Redacted] Illinois, on a part time basis, during which period he also worked part time in the [Redacted] Illinois. During the [Redacted] he worked for [Redacted]

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Illinois, and the [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.
From [redacted] the subject was employed by [redacted]
[redacted] in Chicago, which [redacted] It is
presumed that at this time the subject was working for [redacted]
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In [redacted] the subject and his wife were both employed as
[redacted]

Subject was employed at [redacted] Washington,
as an [redacted]
[redacted] Subject at the current
time resides with his wife at [redacted] Washington.

MARITAL STATUS

As mentioned above, the subject is married to one [redacted]
with whom he resides at [redacted] Washington. Subject
was married [redacted] Illinois. Subject and his wife
have no children.

FAMILY

As previously mentioned, subject's father is one [redacted]
[redacted] and his mother is [redacted] Information
in Seattle files does not show the place of birth of subject's father
or mother. However, they currently reside at [redacted]
Illinois. Subject also is reported to have a brother, one [redacted]
[redacted] who is also residing in [redacted]

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PERSONALITY

From information made available by informants and other sources
it is apparent that this subject is quite studious, ambitious and very
definitely has studied hard to achieve [redacted]

HOBBIES

No information is available in the Seattle files relative to any
hobbies enjoyed by the subject.

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

On May 28, 1950, the subject allegedly attended a Communist Party
dinner held in honor of one ALFRED WAGENKNECHT, Vice-Chairman of the
Communist Party, District 8, in Chicago, Illinois. Said dinner was held
at the Viking Temple, 3357 North Sheffield Avenue, in Chicago.

Also, on July 4, 1950, the Communist Party of Illinois sponsored
an All Nations Picnic which was held at Santa Fe Park at Tiedtville,

Illinois. According to informants of the Chicago Office, the subject attended this picnic.

Information was received as early as July 1946 from an informant of the Chicago Office to the effect that the subject at that time was interested in the American Youth for Democracy.

In 1950 the subject allegedly attended meetings of the Civil Rights Congress at the Chopin Cultural Center in Chicago. Also on November 26, 1952, subject attended a Civil Rights Congress meeting held at the Unitarian Church, 18th and Broadway, in Denver, Colorado. According to Denver informant, the purpose of this meeting was to present to those present WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Executive Secretary of the CRC, who was to deliver the main address.

According to informants of the Chicago Office, the subject in 1948 was a Committeeman in Ward 33, Progressive Party, in Chicago, Illinois. Chicago informants have advised that the Progressive Party of Illinois was under control of the Communist Party since its inception in the state of Illinois.

The [redacted] issue of "Illinois Standard" listed the name of [redacted] with others as members of the Illinois Progressive Party extending a welcome to the "Illinois Standard." Informants of the Chicago Office have advised that the editorial policies of the "Illinois Standard" have been dictated by the Communist Party and have followed the Communist Party line. Chicago informants have also indicated that the "Illinois Standard" succeeded the "Chicago Star" which was dominated and controlled by the Communist Party.

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According to Chicago informants, [redacted] was quite active in the Progressive Party in the Chicago area and as of 1953 was listed as a member of the Nominating Committee and attending the State Convention of the Progressive Party held at the Packing House Labor Center in April 1953 in Chicago.

On September 16, 1950, according to Chicago informants, [redacted] apparently attended a party held in honor of PAUL ROBESON and SAM PARKS which was held at the Packing House National Labor Center, 4859 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, under the auspices of the Illinois Progressive Party. According to informants, SAM PARKS as of June 1947 was a member of the Section Committee of the Communist Party in Illinois.

According to Chicago informants, the subject was a subscriber to the "Daily Worker" in 1948-1949.

According to [redacted]
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[redacted] According to an informant of known reliability, [redacted]
[redacted] the San Cristobal Valley Ranch and both of them are known to the informant as members of the Party.

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This reliable informant has stated that the San Cristobal Valley Ranch is known to be a haven and refuge for Communist Party members who seek rest and inspiration in connection with their Communist Party activities. This informant has also indicated that this ranch might be considered a meeting place for policy making CP groups because of its desirability from a security standpoint.

In April 1949 the subject was asked to complete a personal history questionnaire by the Navy. In proceeding to fill out this questionnaire the subject protested about filling in sections of the questionnaire marked "Organizations." According to information from ONI, subject advised that he had a friend who told him that he had completed a similar questionnaire and later learned that some of the organizations which he had listed as being a member of, had been contained on the Attorney General's list as subversive and Communist organizations, and as a result he had been discriminated against for membership in such organizations.

Subject at the time claimed that it was very possible for a person to innocently join an organization and later realize that said organization was subversive and resign, but that if his membership was ever discovered he would be discriminated against. For this reason the subject did not fill in information concerning membership in any organizations because he felt it would be in violation of his civil rights.

According to confidential source of the [redacted] Office, subject's brother, one [redacted] filed application for membership in the Communist Party, U.S.A., on February 19, 1946. According to this informant, subject's brother was proposed for membership in the Communist Party by GIL GREEN, Chairman of District 8, Communist Party, U.S.A.

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The [redacted] issue of the "Chicago Star", under the caption "Attacks on Communists Called Smoke Screen", reported [redacted] in an interview with O. JOHN ROGGE, former Assistant to Attorney General TOM CLARK, in which ROGGE is quoted as saying that picking on small minority groups is a smoke screen to hide reaction. Also in the [redacted] issue of the "Chicago Star" under the caption of "May Day Greetings From Our Friends", [redacted]

FACTIONALISM

No information is available relative to any factionalism in which this subject might be involved within the ranks of the Communist Party.

FINANCES

From information available it is apparent that this subject finds it necessary to work in order to earn the means of a livelihood.

WOMEN

No information is available to the effect that this subject is currently associating with any women other than his wife.

REACTION TO HARBORING STATUTE

Subject has not been approached in this regard.

KNOWLEDGE OF COMMUNIST PARTY
UNDERGROUND ACTIVITIES

No information is available to the effect that this subject is currently participating in any underground operations in the Communist Party in the State of Washington. As pointed out above, however, it is possible that subject's brother, [redacted] is acquainted with GIL GREEN. Accordingly, it might be possible that this subject has in his possession information concerning underground activities.

Also, attention is again called to the fact that subject [redacted] [redacted] which has been described by an informant of known reliability as a possible meeting place for policy making Communist Party members.

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No information has come to the attention of the Seattle Office since subject's arrival in this Division in September 1953, relative to CP activities on his part; however, he might be connected as pointed out above.

ASSOCIATES

From information available this subject has no unusual associates and apparently mingles with other [redacted] [redacted] Washington.

HEALTH STATUS

As far as is known, this subject is in apparent good health, both mental and physical.

CRIMINAL RECORD
AND DESCRIPTION

No criminal record was located relative to this subject in the Chicago area; in Boulder and Denver, Colorado, area; and the Pullman, Washington, area.

Subject is described as follows:

Name	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	White

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Born	[REDACTED]	
Present residence	[REDACTED]	
Height	5'11"	
Weight	170	
Build	Medium	
Hair	[REDACTED]	b6
Eyes	[REDACTED]	b7c
Complexion	[REDACTED]	
Scars and marks	None known	
Peculiarities	None known	
Occupation	[REDACTED]	
Marital status	Married	
Immediate relatives	[REDACTED]	
Nationality	U.S.	
FPC	Unknown	
FBI, police number, criminal record	Unknown	
Social Security No.	Unknown	
Seaman's Certificate No.	Unknown	
Photograph	Available	

APPROACH

Agents desire to contact this individual during the time that he is away from his residence and place of employment [REDACTED] Washington. In order to effect such an approach, agents will conduct a surveillance in the vicinity of subject's residence [REDACTED] in order to determine his day to day habits and the best manner in which to approach him with all due regard for security.

Agents will courteously identify themselves to this subject and make mention to him that they have a matter of mutual interest which they desire to discuss with him. Agents feel that this subject because of his position will be cordial and friendly; and if so, agents contemplate explaining to him the jurisdiction of the FBI at the outset of the interview, both in the criminal field and that of internal security. Subject will also be engaged in conversation concerning his service in the Navy during World War II and will be asked about the various places he visited in the South Pacific Theater.

After a preliminary discussion with the subject concerning the above matters, it is hoped that he will feel free to discuss his activities in Chicago and Denver. Agents feel that this subject could furnish

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information of value concerning his activities in Chicago and his knowledge of the set-up of the San Cristobal Valley Ranch in New Mexico.

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It should be pointed out here that this subject is relatively new in the state of Washington and most recently obtained a job in the Washington and quite possibly would be desirous of cooperating with the Government at this time.

Bureau authority is requested to contact this subject in the above described manner and in the event the authority is granted, he will be contacted as soon as possible, contingent upon other TOPLEV assignments.

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Director, FBI (100-3-99) ~~(X)~~
ATT: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A.H. BELMONT
SAC, New York (100-87926)

2/15/54

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[Redacted] WAS
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Re Bureau letter dated 11/25/53 authorizing a contact with [Redacted] under the TOPLEV Program ~~(X)~~

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Interview with [Redacted]

On February 10, 1954, [Redacted] wife of [Redacted] who resides at [Redacted] New York City, was surveilled from her residence and approached at a secure location by SAs EDWARD W. BUCKLEY and CHESTER A. BELLY. She immediately acknowledged her identity when addressed as [Redacted] and the agents identified themselves by exhibiting their credentials. She was advised she was being given the opportunity to have a confidential talk with the agents of the FBI on matters of importance both to herself and to the United States government. She was very startled when the agents identified themselves and her immediate reaction was to ask, "How did you know what I look like." She was advised that she should not underestimate the FBI and that the FBI was well aware of her past activities in the Communist Party.

She was advised that she was approached in the event she no longer adhered to the principles of the Communist Party and desired to talk on a confidential basis with agents of the FBI. It was impressed on her that no one knew that she was being contacted and that anything she might say would be treated in confidence. She very excitedly replied, "I can not talk to the FBI, you know that. But how did you know what I look like." The agents attempted to engage her in conversation but she repeatedly shook her head saying, "No, I can not talk to you." In an effort to break up the conversation, [Redacted] started to walk toward a shopping center and when the agents found that she would not enter into further conversation with them, the interview was terminated.

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In view of her uncooperative attitude, no further
consideration will be given at this time for recontact with
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Director, FBI (100-3-99) (X)
ATTN: ASST. DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT
SAC, New York [redacted]

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ReButels 12/3/53 and 1/26/54, authorizing contacts with [redacted] under the TOP-LEV Program.

Contacts with [redacted]

In NY airtels, 1/22/54 and 1/29/54, the Bureau was advised of the results of conversations had with [redacted]

On 1/21/54, when [redacted] was originally approached, he entered the Bureau automobile and was interviewed for more than one hour. During this contact, [redacted] conversed freely and adopted a very friendly attitude. He claimed to have become disillusioned with his left wing associations because he felt that he was "frittering" away his time. He said that he felt that the "left wing" was getting no where and that he could get more satisfaction in devoting his activities to other things.

During the interview, [redacted] avoided any reference to the CP and always used the term "left wing" when referring to it. He claimed to have last associated with the "left wing" about five years ago although [redacted] had reported that until 1951, [redacted] CP Headquarters in NY.

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At the conclusion of the interview, [redacted] stated that he was considerably impressed by the agents' conversation but that he would have to give considerable thought to the subject of reactivating himself with the "left," since he felt it would be contrary to his principles to inform on others. He said that he would not reveal the agents' approach to anyone other than his wife, but that he had to talk the matter over with his wife in order to arrive at a decision. [redacted] agreed to meet again with the agents on 1/28/54 to continue the discussion.

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The second contact with [redacted] on 1/28/54 covered an hour and twenty minutes. [redacted] advised that he had talked over the matter with his wife who told him that the final decision as to whether he should cooperate with the FBI was entirely up to him and that she had no comment to make one way or the other. [redacted] remarked that for some period of time he had differed in thinking insofar as the CP Program was concerned, but that he had not openly broken with the CP nor had he been expelled or denounced by the CP. He said that he had become inactive because he could not accept some of the CP program as it related to the Negro race.

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[redacted] said that he had given considerable thought to the subject of reactivating himself in the CP and he concluded that his emotional makeup was not such that he could "play both ends against the middle" and report on CP activity to the Bureau.

Considerable discussion was had with [redacted] in order to impress him with the importance of the work he would be engaged in and the great service that he would be doing the Negro race and the nation as a whole. [redacted] remarked that the main point at issue was his doubt that the CP in the US is a serious threat to the security of the nation and his doubt that it is part of an international conspiracy. The agents presented numerous examples to overcome [redacted] resistance on this subject, after which [redacted] stated, "You men have given me a different outlook on the situation and will cause me to consider your proposal very seriously."

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At the conclusion of the interview, the agents furnished [redacted] with the following pamphlets, which he promised to read:

- HOOVER.
- "Breaking the Communist Spell" by J. EDGAR
 - "What America Means To Me" by CHARLES P. SPAULDING.
 - "Slave Labor In The Soviet World."
 - "Deadly Parallel."
 - "The Negro in American Life."

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[redacted] stated that he would read this literature and would telephonically contact the agents at the NYO on or about 2/4/54 if he decided to cooperate with the Bureau. No telephone call was received by [redacted] by 2/9/54.

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Third Contact with [redacted]

On 2/9/54, [redacted] was again contacted after leaving his place of employment, [redacted] by SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY, SA [redacted] and SA CHESTER A. REILLY.

[redacted] greeted the agents with a smile and immediately entered the Bureau car. [redacted] remarked that he could only talk to the agents for about twenty minutes because he was enroute to a dental appointment. He said that he had read some of the pamphlets previously given to him but had not read all of them. He said that he had not telephoned the agents because he had decided that he would not take any action toward reactivation in the CP. He said that he based his decision on his belief that the US Government and the FBI were making a mistake in trying to "repress" the "left wing" in the country.

[redacted] said that it is his belief that repression of the "left wing" only makes it stronger and that if left alone, the "left" could do no harm to the nation if social conditions in the nation were improved. [redacted] said that he had concluded that he would better serve the Negro people and the nation as a whole by openly working for the betterment of social conditions than by working secretly within the left wing to tear down the left wing.

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[redacted] commented that he knew his own capabilities and did not feel that it was in his makeup to carry out the rule of "informer." [redacted] argued that the CP could only grow and become a threat to the nation if poor social conditions were allowed to exist. He argued that the time and money spent in the US on fighting the CP could better be spent in alleviating the conditions of the poor and eliminating racial tension. [redacted] concluded by remarking that changing events in the world may cause him to change his mind and if at any time he concludes that he can accomplish more by infiltrating "the left" he will get in

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touch with the FBI and offer his services.

He said that he was seriously concerned by his decision and that he was keeping an open mind on the subject. [redacted] said that he would prefer not to make any definite appointments to meet with the agents in the future but would rather conclude with the understanding that he will keep the matter under consideration and contact the FBI Office if he should change his mind.

The interview was concluded at this point.

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Evaluation

[redacted] appears to be a well educated, well spoken man who makes an excellent appearance and who would make a first rate informant if he should decide to cooperate with the Bureau. However, as a result of the three meetings with [redacted] it is apparent that he has not become completely disillusioned with his former associations.

[redacted] at no time, would discuss his various positions in the CP and was careful in his conversations to refer to his past activities as associations with "the left" rather than with the CP. The interviewing agents were of the opinion that [redacted] may, in the future, change his mind about cooperating with the Bureau as a result of some incident in his personal life or world events. The Bureau is not being requested for authority to recontact [redacted] at this time but this Office may again submit his name at a later date for the Bureau's consideration for a recontact.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

February 17, 1954

SAC, LOS ANGELES [redacted]

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As you have been advised previously, this informant has been invited to re-enter the Communist Party. (CP)

On [redacted] she was invited to her first Communist Party meeting since she dropped from the CP because of the TAFT-HARTLEY law in 1952.

Informant attended this Party meeting with [redacted]

This meeting was held at the home of [redacted] and was concerned with the CP's policy towards the disbandment of the Distributing Processing and Office Workers of America. After this meeting, informant was advised by [redacted] that her Party club has weekly meetings and that the group had normally been meeting on Thursday but since informant attends school on that night, the club will re-arrange its schedule to meet on some other night of the week.

As you know, this informant has been sending a sustainer to the CP for a number of months. Since she has now attended her first CP meeting, she now appears to be formally established as a CP informant on behalf of this office.

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Attention: Assistant Director A. H. BELMONT

On 1/25/54, this office sent a Toplev letter to the Bureau requesting authority to interview the subject. To date no authority has been received.

The registry number is [redacted] Please advise.

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Att: Asst. Dir. A. H. BELMONT

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Rebulet, 12/14/53.

Subject was interviewed by SA [Redacted] on 2/8/54 on the street, a secure distance from her residence. SA [Redacted] observed the interview and noted that full security prevailed throughout.

The subject was greeted in a cordial and friendly manner by SA [Redacted] who, after identifying himself, explained to her that it was believed she could assist the FBI on a confidential basis. She was told that there was no intention of obtaining incriminating admissions regarding her own activities but it was believed that she may have at least in the past met certain Communist fugitives being sought by the FBI. She was then asked whether she was acquainted with FRED FINE, WILLIAM NORMAN MARRON, JAMES JACKSON, or HENRY WINSTON, missing National Committee members of the CP. She replied that she did not know any of these individuals, nor did she have any information concerning their whereabouts.

It was suggested that perhaps she could be helpful concerning Communist matters generally and the Bureau's jurisdiction in this regard was briefly outlined to her. It was pointed out that the Bureau naturally had some information concerning her own background and that this information indicated she had at least in the past associated with known Communists. Subject declined to discuss the CP and when asked whether her refusal was because of a lack of knowledge in this regard or because she wished to indicate she was not ^{now} nor ever had been a member of the CP, she replied: "Let's just put it this way. I am not now a member of the Communist Party. Other than that I do not want to make any statement." It was again emphasized that no effort was being made to incriminate her

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but that only by a frank discussion of her own Communist activities could it be determined what information she may have which would be of value to the FBI. Subject remained firm in her refusal to continue the discussion and said that she fully understood what the agent had in mind but had nothing to say.

Before terminating the interview, the agent pointed out that this was her opportunity to be of assistance to her government and at the same time clarify the record with respect to herself, and that she should give the matter further thought and feel free to communicate with the FBI should she change her mind.

In view of subject's evident unwillingness to continue the interview, it was terminated and no further contact is contemplated under the Toplev Program.

Director, FBI (100-3-99)

February 16, 1954

SAC, Los Angeles

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Since my last monthly letter on this informant, he has attended one meeting of the [redacted] of the United Electrical Workers of America, where he had occasion to meet with several Communists.

In addition, he has been in contact with [redacted] approximately twice a week for the past several weeks in an effort to facilitate his re-entry into the Communist Party. [redacted] has instructed the captioned informant that he should call her every few days until he is picked up and assigned to a club.

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On February 3, 1954, he was interviewed by [redacted] and [redacted] of one of the sections in the Industrial Division. He was ostensibly interviewed regarding a labor consultant in the Los Angeles area whom he is acquainted with; however, [redacted] subsequently reported that the purpose of this interview was to have [redacted] have an opportunity to size up [redacted] reported that [redacted] was favorably impressed by [redacted]

To date [redacted] has not been picked up and assigned to a Party club, and, as previously reported, the only stumbling block appears to be a Communist Party member named [redacted]

You will be promptly advised if and when this subject is assigned to a Party club.

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Rebulet dated 8/19/53 granting authority to pay the informant \$100.00 per month for a period of six months, plus actual expenses not to exceed \$20.00 per month, effective 8/26/53.

During the period 8/26/53 to date, the informant has been contacted on approximately 70 occasions, and has furnished information of interest to the New York Office, a summary of which is as follows:

The informant advised on:

8/26/53 that CHARLES DIRBA was secretary of the CP National Control Commission in 1930, and was bookkeeper at the NY State Office of the CP in the 1940's.

9/10/53 that EMANUEL BLUM for several years prior to 1945 was a CP Section Organizer in NYC, and between 1945 and 1948 was a CP District Organizer in Boston.

9/19/53 that MARY DALTON, between 1927 and 1930 was active in CP organization work, and in 1930 went to Moscow as leader of a group of students scheduled to attend the LENIN School.

9/18/53 that JUNE CROLL enrolled at the LENIN School in 1927 for the "long course" but in 1929 or 1930 had to return to the U.S. for personal reasons. She presently is employed at the IWO office in NYC.

9/11/53 that SAMUEL COLEMAN was "right hand man" to ROBERT THOMPSON when the latter was CP District Organizer for New York State. COLEMAN in the past has been a member of the CP New York County Committee, and educational director of the New York State CP.

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9/18/53 that ROSE WEINSTOCK, wife of LOUIS WEINSTOCK, Smith Act subject, has been active, since her husband's indictment, in seeking assistance for the so-called "Smith Act Victims."

9/11/53 that MARGARET and the late CHARLES KRUMPEIN were students at the LENIN School between 1927 and 1930.

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9/18/53 that [redacted] functioned as a CP dues collector in 1951 for the Regional CP organization.

9/18/53 that BEN GOLD had been a student at the LENIN School during the 1930-1931 session thereof.

9/18/53 that a photograph, allegedly that of one JOHN LUNDBERG, is actually that of CHARLES RIVERS, CP functionary in the UE, and a former LENIN School student.

9/17/53 that inasmuch as the LENIN School course began in September and was completed in June, passports of individuals reflecting travel to or from Moscow, and bearing dates shortly prior or subsequent to the period of the LENIN School year, might well indicate whether the said individuals had attended the LENIN School. Travel during the period of the LENIN School year would reflect a person had not attended the LENIN School since students were not admitted to the said school once classes had begun in September.

9/25/53 that in the winter of 1928 JAMES FORD was at the Profintern (Trade Union Control Organization) in Moscow, working with LOSOVSKY, head of the Profintern at that time.

9/25/53 that AMY SAFFORD was at the Comintern in Moscow, employed as a research worker, during 1930 and 1931.

10/1/53 that MORRIS PASTERNAK was a student at the "short course" of the LENIN School in either 1930 or 1931.

10/9/53 that JOEL REMES, brother of ANDREW REMES, former CP organizer in Wisconsin, Ohio and New York, acted as a "research man" for CP lawyers in the first Smith Act trial.

11/1/53 that [redacted] attended as a delegate the 15th CP National Convention in NYC in December 1950.

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11/1/53 that JOSEPH LANDY was a New Jersey CP member and IWO official who in the late 1930's or early 1940's was expelled from the Party for embezzlement of IWO funds.

11/6/53 that [redacted], CP functionary, in the past worked closely with HERB WHEELDIN, CP organizer in Westchester County. Some years ago the children of former Russian ambassador OUMANSKI, now deceased, were [redacted] at Communist Camp Topawingo.

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11/6/53 that LENA SCHERER attended the LENIN School from 1928 to 1931, and while in Moscow knew everyone in the Russian Foreign Office.

11/26/53 that SIMON GERSON CP functionary promised [redacted] that he would endeavor to find employment for the informant in the CP.

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11/11/53 that GEORGE MORRIS had been a student at the LENIN School from 1928 to 1931.

11/23/53 that REBECCA FISCHER had attended the "short course" at the LENIN School between 1930 and 1932.

11/27/53 that BENJAMIN GERJOY, who attended the LENIN School from 1929 to 1930, subsequently became a Lovestoneite and was expelled from the CP.

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11/27/53 that [redacted] was a close friend of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and the latter's family. During the World War II period, [redacted] was employed at Amtorg, the Russian Purchasing Commission in the U.S.

11/20/53 that REVA FORD, wife of JIM FORD, never attended the LENIN School, but did attend the Far Eastern School, also known the "School For the Toilers of the Far East," between 1929 and 1931. Said school was located in Moscow.

12/4/53 that although the "Little Red School House" at 196 Bleeker Street, NYC was never controlled directly by the CP, its policy in the past was controlled by a Parent-Teachers Association that was predominately Communist.

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12/1/53 that he knew Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG as a CP legislative representative in Washington, D.C. in the past.

12/7/53 that [redacted] and CARL DORFMAN were persons most closely associated with HERBERT WHEELDIN, missing SI subject.

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12/11/53 that OLGA GOLD in the summer of 1931 arrived in Moscow with a group of students from the U.S. scheduled to attend the 1931-1932 course at the LENIN School.

12/18/53 that ALLAN ROSS in 1935 or 1936 was head of a CP "fraction" in the Printers Union, and attended many meetings at CP headquarters which were held for the purpose of "briefing" CP leaders in various industries.

12/28/53 that ELIZABETH BARKER was a full time CP functionary between 1939 and 1942, having had an office at New York State CP headquarters at 35 East 12th Street, NYC.

1/8/54 that after the disappearance of JAMES JACKSON, CP fugitive, ALMA WEED spent several weeks at JACKSON'S office at CP headquarters in straightening out the latter's affairs.

1/22/54 that DONALD AMTER, son of ISRAEL AMTER is an artistic individual, and has little if any interest in the CP, his only activity in the past having been the preparation of signs and posters for use at Party meetings.

1/23/54 that when the National Office of the CP summons out-of-town CP functionaries to attend meetings in New York, said functionaries are reimbursed for expenses by [redacted] who attends said meetings for the above reason. A surveillance of [redacted] at a time when it is known that an important meeting is scheduled at an unknown rendezvous, should be productive of information regarding the locale of such a meeting.

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In view of the above, it is recommended that effective 2/26/54 the Bureau authorize continued payments to the informant at the rate of \$100.00 per month, plus actual expenses incurred not to exceed \$20.00 per month, for a further period of six months.

SAC, Detroit (66-3360) [redacted]

February 16, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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Reurlet dated February 11, 1954.

Authority is granted to recontact [redacted]
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residence.

In conducting this interview you should be
guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to
interviews with Toplev subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it
is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days,
the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the
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Director, FBI (100-3-99)

February 11, 1954

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Attention: Assistant Director A. H. BELMONT

Re: Newlet, November 12, 1953, and Bureau letter, November 19, 1953.

Pre-interview investigation disclosed that Subject was

[redacted] and is currently unemployed. Due to this fact, Subject had no regular daily routine such as had been established while she was regularly employed.

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Accordingly, surveillances were conducted in an effort to approach Subject in a place when she would be alone and maximum security could be assured.

At approximately 10:45 a.m., February 11, 1954, Subject was observed leaving her residence at [redacted] and proceed to a drugstore approximately one and one-half blocks away. Subject was alone and was apparently going to make a purchase and return immediately to her residence.

It was decided that Subject should be approached as she left the drugstore inasmuch as this area was relatively deserted at this particular time, and it was felt that sufficient security was afforded for the initial approach.

At approximately 11:10 a.m. Subject left the drugstore and turned in the direction of her residence and was then approached by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] SA [redacted] greeted Subject in a friendly manner and stated he would like to speak to her for a few minutes. Subject was apparently surprised

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at the contact and asked what the Agents wanted, whereupon SA [REDACTED] identified himself and introduced SA [REDACTED] and invited Subject into a Bureau car which was nearby. Subject declined this offer and again asked what the Agents desired to see her about.

It was explained that they would like to have the opportunity to explain the functions and jurisdiction of the FBI and would appreciate Subject giving them an opportunity to do so.

Subject immediately stated she felt that this contact was directly connected with the subpoena she had received approximately two weeks ago to appear before the forthcoming hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. It was explained to Subject that the FBI was a separate organization from the House Committee and that this contact was confidential and not in any way connected with her subpoena. She stated that it was too much of a coincidence to believe the two were unrelated and stated she had been in Detroit a number of years and the only time the FBI came to talk to her was two weeks after she received a subpoena from the NCUA.

Attempts were made to reassure her that the FBI had no connection with her subpoena, but it was apparent that Subject could not be convinced of this.

Subject stated that there was too much "Red hysteria" in this country and not enough emphasis was placed on securing jobs for everyone. SA [REDACTED] attempted to explain that the purpose of this contact was not to discuss the current economic situation nor "Red hysteria" but rather Agents desired a friendly and confidential talk with Subject. Subject stated she was too busy at this time and could see no purpose in talking any further, and with that she walked away.

This interview lasted approximately ten minutes, during which Subject exhibited no animosity toward the FBI, and while she was not cooperative, she nevertheless appeared not unwilling to talk and did show some curiosity as to the exact purpose of the contact.

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Attempts were made to make definite arrangements with Subject at some more convenient time so that the discussion could be continued, but Subject refused to make any future arrangements.

It is noted that at this time the weather was quite cold and the wind fairly strong and Subject was wearing only a relatively light jacket and was obviously affected by the weather after having stood still for approximately ten minutes, and the possibility exists that under more ideal conditions she would have continued the discussion.

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Subject's attitude, while not cooperative, was at least not openly hostile, and both Agents felt there was at least a chance that a further contact immediately might produce a favorable result. Accordingly, at 2:50 p.m., February 11, 1954, Subject was telephonically contacted by SA [REDACTED] who, after identifying himself, stated both he and SA [REDACTED] would like the chance to see Subject again at her convenience and suggested that perhaps some evening all three could have dinner together and continue the discussion. SA [REDACTED] pointed out that there was no opportunity at the first interview to explain the purpose of the contact and that he felt there was much to be gained by a future interview. Subject appeared not unfriendly and stated she would call within the next several days and give her answer to the above proposition. SA [REDACTED] stated he would appreciate the Subject consenting to an interview as soon as possible, but she stated she had many things to think over and would call within the next several days.

Bureau permission is requested to contact Subject within the next several days under the circumstances described above. This interview will be conducted in a place where maximum security can be assured.

Director, FBI [redacted] (100-3-99)

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SAC, Philadelphia [redacted] (66-3824)

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Attention: Assistant Director A. H. BELMONT

Rebulet dated 2/16/53, authorizing Toplev contact with the captioned subject.

Numerous surveillances and spot checks at both the residence and place of employment of [redacted] show that he is spending little time at work and much time at home. When at work he has not been seen alone, but always accompanied by someone; therefore no opportunity for a secure contact has been afforded.

A neighbor contact has advised that [redacted] keeps very irregular hours, many times not leaving his home all day. Since he lives in a row house area in Philadelphia, a secure surveillance cannot be maintained for any length of time.

Efforts to contact [redacted] are continuing and the contact will be made as soon as possible.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: February 26, 1954

FROM : SAC, Chicago b7D

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Rebulets dated April 7 and 17 and June 15, 1953.

The following is the status of the captioned program in the Chicago Division:

UNDER INVESTIGATION PREPARATORY TO REQUESTING BUREAU AUTHORITY

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AUTHORIZED INTERVIEWS NOT YET CONDUCTED

BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED FOR INTERVIEW

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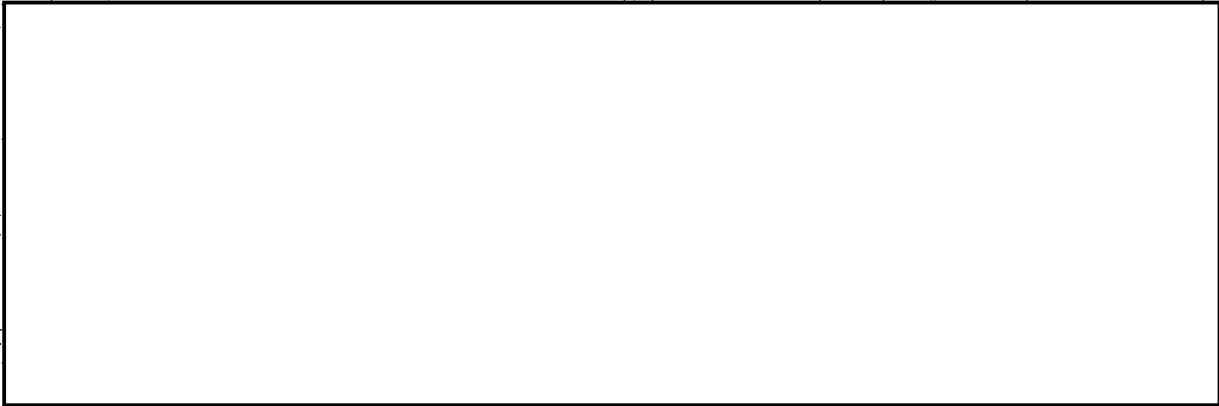
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Reurlet dated February 8, 1954.

Authority is granted to recontact [redacted] whenever feasible away from residence and any place of employment.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with Toplev subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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ATTENTION: Assistant Director
A. H. BELMONT

Reference is made to Bureau letter to Chicago dated January 20, 1954, authorizing interview of the above captioned individual.

Approach and Contact with Subject

On February 1, 1954, a surveillance was initiated near the vicinity of the subject's home at [redacted] Illinois, by SA [redacted] and SA CHARLES W. COLGLAZIER.

At approximately 12:45 p.m. the subject was observed to exit from his home and walk south on [redacted] where he mailed a letter. He then proceeded to return to his home. As the subject crossed the intersection at [redacted] both Agents [redacted] and COLGLAZIER intercepted him and greeted the subject by saying, "Hello [redacted] we've been wanting to talk to you."

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[redacted] appeared to be confused as to the identity of the agents and before he could say anything the agents introduced themselves and told him that the FBI had been interested in him for some time and felt that it was necessary that a discussion be had with him. [redacted] seemed somewhat amused and not convinced that the Bureau had been interested in him but seemed impressed when the agents recited a few facts pertaining to his personal history in the past twenty years. [redacted] was then told that the agents had come to him not with the idea of arresting him or embarrassing him in any manner but with the desire that a discussion be had concerning the FBI's position in regard to the Communist movement.

[redacted] stated that he was aware of what the FBI did, mainly that it investigated people and sometimes put them in jail. It was pointed out to [redacted] that his ideas concerning the Bureau were rather narrow and that he no doubt had gained this impression about the Bureau's work by listening to people who did not know and reading biased literature.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: CP, USA, TOPLEV, IS - C;
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It was suggested to him that he could best appraise what the FBI did by listening for a few minutes to two of the Bureau's representatives. It was pointed out to [REDACTED] that he did not have to give the agents an audience but that the agents felt that his reputation as an honest worker and a distinguished trade union man would compel him to admit that there are two sides to every question. b7D

[REDACTED] appeared to like the compliments afforded him and readily admitted that he had a long history of being a trade union man. He stated that he was willing to listen to the agents but at the present time he did not have time since he had an important appointment to see about a new job. In this connection it is noted that [REDACTED] was laid off from his job at the [REDACTED] which went out of business during the past two weeks.

Upon mentioning the fact that he was looking for a job both agents related that they were sorry that he had lost his job but it was the agent's belief that the Party would not come to his assistance even though he was a long time member and loyal supporter of that organization. [REDACTED] replied that the Party is not interested in individuals and that he did not expect them to come to his assistance. With this statement the agents pointed out to [REDACTED] that something must be wrong with an organization which would not come to the aid of one of its most loyal members. b7D

[REDACTED] made no effort to answer this and after a brief silence stated that he did not mind listening to the agents but was crowded for time since he was looking for a new job. The agents offered to drive [REDACTED] to his appointment which he refused and upon his refusal [REDACTED] was requested to make an appointment for some future date. [REDACTED] refused to make a definite appointment and it was agreed that the agents could drop around in the near future and that he would listen to what they had to say. The agents commented that they realized that his most important task now was to find a job and that they would not push him for a definite appointment.

The conversation ended with the indefinite commitment on [REDACTED] part and [REDACTED] terminated the interview by shaking hands with both contacting agents.

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: CP, USA, TOPLEV, IS - C;
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Evaluation

The interview with [REDACTED] lasted approximately 15 minutes. [REDACTED] although nervous, did not become emotional in any way. His attitude was not hostile and can best be characterized as being polite. Whether his statements of willingness to hear the agents out at a future time was made in good faith is a matter of speculation.

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Plan for Re-contact

It is contemplated that [REDACTED] will be re-contacted UACB in a similar manner as set forth above. It is believed that such a contact should be made possibly within the next few days while [REDACTED] is still unemployed. It is believed that [REDACTED] may have some difficulty in finding a new job mainly because of his age and his reputation. It is believed that his concern over getting a new job was genuine and that a sympathetic attitude toward his problem may afford the contacting agents an initial area of conversation which can be utilized to permit [REDACTED] to gain confidence in the agents.

SAC, Los Angeles [redacted]

February 17, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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Reurlet dated February 2, 1954.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible away from residence and place of employment.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with Toplev subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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ATTEN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,
A. H. BELMONT

Subject is being considered for interview under the
toplev program in this Office.

BACKGROUND

[redacted]
[redacted] He immigrated to the United States at Detroit, Michigan,
from Windsor, Ontario, Canada, under the name of [redacted]
in [redacted] and received his certificate of naturalization
[redacted] in the Territorial Court, Honolulu, T.H., on [redacted]
[redacted] while serving as a private in the United States Army in
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[redacted] attended the Liberal Arts School, [redacted]

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[redacted] was married to [redacted] his
present wife, at [redacted] One

[redacted] was born to the [redacted] on
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[redacted] was inducted into the United States Army

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with offices at [redacted] He main-
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COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY

[redacted] joined the CP in 1937 in Detroit, Michigan.
He was dropped from CP membership in 1941 because he was a non-
citizen but was readmitted to the CP in Detroit in 1945 upon his
discharge from the United States Army. [redacted] had received
his citizenship in the Territory of Hawaii while serving in the
Army.

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[redacted] the Civil Rights Congress in Los Angeles which organization has been formenting an active protest campaign to the Governor of California against the scheduled execution of ROBERT WESLEY WELLS, a state prison inmate who committed an assault on an officer while serving a life sentence in one of California's penal institutions.

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ASSOCIATES, WEAKNESSES AND PERSONALITY

Investigation of [redacted] has indicated that he has no close associates outside of those individuals with whom he has associated in the CP or CP front activities. He is described as being a "good Marxist" and [redacted] for the CP in the past. He has been described as a person of considerable leadership ability and one who is thoroughly schooled in Marxist theory.

On June 21, 1944, [redacted] submitted a statement to the Selective Service authorities which asserted that he believed in the form of government in the United States but did not belong to or associate with any organization which teaches or advocates the overthrow of the existing government in this country. This statement was apparently made by the subject during the period of his exclusion from the CP because of his lack of citizenship.

While no recent specific CP information has been received by this Office concerning the subject, his activities in behalf of Communist front organizations in the Los Angeles area indicate that he continues to participate actively.

APPROACH

Bureau authority is requested to approach [redacted] for interview under the toplev program away from his residence and place of employment when maximum security prevails.

SAC, Seattle (66-2135) [redacted]

February 17, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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Rourlet dated February 4, 1954, setting forth the results of your latest interview with this individual on February 3, 1954.

According to referenced letter, [redacted] has indicated he is sincere in his desire to cooperate and arrangements have been worked out with him to obtain a considerable amount of printed material which he has accumulated as a result of his past Communist association.

Authority is granted to begin compensating this individual at the rate of \$50 a month for a period of three months, effective February 1, 1954, but it must be understood by him that he will receive no money from the Bureau unless he, in return, furnishes information of value.

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You should continue to carefully handle [redacted] to obtain the maximum benefit from his offer of cooperation and when he furnishes current information, a symbol number may be designated for him as an informant.

The Bureau should be kept advised of the results of your interviews with him and as with all individuals who are paid for their assistance, you should be sure to furnish a letter two weeks prior to the expiration of the authorized payment period summarizing the assistance rendered by him and setting forth your recommendation relative to the continuation of payments to him. Since [redacted] has definitely indicated he will cooperate, additional authority is not needed for interviews with him in the future, but as mentioned above keep the Bureau advised by furnishing the results of your contacts and your plans for his development.

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ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
A. H. BILMONT

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Reference is made to Bulet dated January 11, 1954, in which authority is granted to continue contacting this subject in order to ascertain whether he could be developed as a security informant.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

On February 3, 1954, telephonic contact was had with [redacted] and it was agreed to meet [redacted] at approximately 5:15 P.M., in the vicinity of [redacted] Washington on February 3. During the early afternoon hours of February 3, 1954, Special Agents JOSEPH T. MacFARLAND and [redacted] instituted a spot-check surveillance in the vicinity of [redacted] in order that they could make certain no individuals were stationed there to observe any meeting had with [redacted] Agents carefully noted the area and felt quite certain that the meeting with [redacted] would be most secure.

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INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

Shortly before 5:15 P.M., [redacted] was noted walking in a southerly direction on [redacted] Streets. Agents at 5:15 intercepted [redacted] on the street and walked with him to a Bureau car, which was parked in the area, with all due regard for security. [redacted] immediately entered the Bureau car and stated that he was most happy to see the agents. Small talk was engaged in with [redacted] and he advised agents that his job at the [redacted] now seemed to be more or less permanent inasmuch as business there had picked up since the first of the year and said company was maintaining all of their employees and hiring additional employees. [redacted] also stated that he still continues to reside at [redacted] Washington, from where he commutes daily to Seattle to his place of employment.

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Agents inquired of [redacted] as to whether he had maintained contact with any of his former associates in the Communist Party and he remarked that he has on a couple of occasions exchanged greetings with [redacted]

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and that he has gone on occasions to the Frontier Book Store. He expressed himself to the effect that in time he believes that he will be able to re-activate himself in the Communist Party and he remarked that in pursuit of this effort, he will be most circumspect so as not to create suspicion and to carry out his program he will begin attending various front functions. He was again cautioned by agents that under no circumstances should he reveal to anyone any contact he has had with representatives of the FBI and he inquired as to what he should do in the event another government agency should approach him for information. [REDACTED] was advised that his relationship with the Federal Bureau of Investigation was secret, sacred, and confidential, and that he must not reveal the contact made with same or any information concerning any activity he is engaging in on behalf of the FBI. He was told that it might be desirable for him in the event that he was approached to advise whoever approached him for information that he desired to have nothing to say. He was advised that in the event he was approached by any source for his cooperation in Communist Party matters, that he must immediately advise the FBI.

[REDACTED] stated that he now fully understands that his relationship with the FBI is secret and that he will under no circumstances reveal his contact or activities on behalf of the FBI to anyone.

Concerning the printed material that [REDACTED] has accumulated during his past Communist Party affiliation, he advised that it is quite voluminous and would be rather difficult for him to bring it to Seattle. He also stated that the community in which he resides is rather rural and it would not be a practical matter relative to proper security to examine said literature at his home during the daylight hours. Due to this fact, arrangements are currently being worked out with [REDACTED] in order that this literature may be reviewed by agents of the Seattle Office with all due regard for proper security.

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[REDACTED] indicated he was most sincere in his desire to cooperate and help the FBI and he still said that he realized that he made a serious mistake when he told the U. S. Coast Guard Appeal Board that he was cooperating with the FBI. He assured agents that he under no circumstances would reveal to anyone his association with the FBI and also indicated to agents that he would make an honest endeavor to reaffiliate with the Communist Party, assuring agents that he would do so very slowly in order that he would not create any suspicion on the part of CP members in this area.

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[REDACTED] raised the question as to the security of his person in connection with any operations he might engage in on behalf of the FBI in Communist circles. Agents related to [REDACTED] that he should have no fear along this line and that the only one who could definitely imperil his security was himself by breaching the understanding which he now had with agents relative to the complete secrecy of his contact with the FBI. Agents advised [REDACTED] that if he had any mental reservation of any kind or character, either arising from a fear of bodily harm or fear of disclosure by his own ineptness and operation, that he should not undertake the cooperative endeavors which he has voluntarily offered to function with the FBI in furnishing information on a confidential basis concerning Communist activities. [REDACTED] stated that he has no mental reservations, and he merely asked the question concerning the possibility of some physical retaliation against him by Communists to satisfy his curiosity as to whether the Communists had ever in the past resorted to strong-arm methods against uncovered informants.

[REDACTED] was told that to the best knowledge and belief of the agents, that no person who had cooperated with the FBI in Communist matters and whose cooperation had become a matter of public knowledge, was jeopardized physically or otherwise by the Communists and that when the disclosure has come about by reason of a person appearing in open court against a Communist, that the person testifying in behalf of the FBI has usually received numerous letters of commendation from citizens on their loyal and patriotic service to their country.

TIME OF INTERVIEW

The above-described interview with [REDACTED] was had in a Bureau automobile parked in the vicinity of [REDACTED] Washington, February 3, 1954, during the times of 5:15 P.M. and 5:31 P.M.

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EVALUATION

Agents feel that [REDACTED] is most sincere in his desire to cooperate and furnish information to the FBI regarding CP activities. Agents also are quite certain that [REDACTED] has been sufficiently impressed with the importance of keeping this matter strictly confidential. As stated in the interview had with [REDACTED] on February 3, agents pointed out to him that the only way this arrangement could operate successfully would be that he, [REDACTED] made most certain that he, under no circumstances, ever revealed his confidential

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connection with the FBI. As told to [REDACTED] before, agents again advised him that he could under no circumstances ever assume or indicate that he was in the employ of the FBI. He indicated that he understood this arrangement.

In order to ascertain definitely whether or not [REDACTED] will proceed along the lines described above, Bureau authority is requested to compensate him in the amount of \$50.00 a month for a period of three months; however, information furnished by him will be carefully weighed prior to making any payment. As soon as [REDACTED] furnishes information of a current nature, he will be assigned a confidential symbol number and the Bureau will be appropriately advised. Agents plan on recontacting this individual within the next three weeks unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

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Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible away from residence and place of employment.

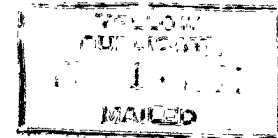
In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with Toplev subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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SAC, Seattle (66-2135)

Attention: Assistant Director
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Background

Subject, a white man, was born at [redacted]
[redacted] His social security number is [redacted]
He is presumed to be single and lives with [redacted]
[redacted] Washington.

By occupation he is a [redacted] During
the year 1951 he worked as a [redacted]
in Spokane, Washington, and for a period prior to 1951 he was
employed as a [redacted]
Spokane. He has also worked as a [redacted]
[redacted]. In addition to this [redacted] work for a
brief period he was employed as a [redacted]
[redacted] in Spokane, Washington.

There is no indication that the subject has had
military training.

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Marital Status

As was pointed out, subject is single and maintains
his residence at [redacted] Washington.

Personality

Informants of this office have advised subject is a
neat appearing, pleasant type of person, who makes friends easily
and in his communist activities he has been most secretive.
There is no indication that subject is rabid in his communist
views. Yet, it has been reported that he is and has been loyal
to the communist cause.

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Communist Party Activities

This subject first came to the attention of this office by reason of a report made by [redacted] who informed on December 9, 1947 that subject was a new member of [redacted] in Spokane, Washington. Informant reported that subject was in attendance at the meeting on December 9, 1947, and that he resided at time at [redacted] Spokane, Washington, and was working out of [redacted]

In 1948 his Communist Party card bore No. [redacted] During the year 1948 he worked at [redacted] in Spokane, Wash., as [redacted] All during 1948 he attended various meetings of [redacted] at Spokane, Wash., which meetings were held at [redacted] Spokane, Wash. The subject reregistered in the Communist Party on [redacted] and during that year through 1951 he attended meetings of [redacted] of the Communist Party at Spokane.

While the subject was employed at [redacted] [redacted] and attended meetings of the Communist Party at [redacted] a Communist Party functionary in Spokane, Washington. This convention was addressed by [redacted] an underground member of the Communist Party, who said in his speech that "the Communist Party is the vanguard of the working class and always speaks for the workers in its own name".

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It is believed that [redacted] has knowledge of the revolutionary objectives of the Communist Party.

[redacted] reported that [redacted] meeting of the Communist Party was held on April 30, 1951 at which meeting mention was made that [redacted] is not presently continuous in his attendance at meetings but that he pays his dues without prodding and participates in any activity of the Communist Party in which he is asked to engage.

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On November 23, 1953, [redacted] advised that [redacted] was asked by a woman named MAYBELLE WHEELER if he is reregistered in the Communist Party and he replied that he might register immediately.

Recent information is to the effect that [redacted] is becoming more active in Communist Party circles in Spokane, Washington.

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Factionalism

The file reveals no evidence of any factionalism ever engaged in by subject in Communist Party circles.

Finances

It is believed that subject depends entirely on his various employments for his means of a livelihood. There is no indication that he has an outside source of income.

Women

There is no information available at the present time as to what the relationship there exists between subject and the woman who purports to be his housekeeper.

Reaction to Harboring Statute

Subject has not been advised of the provisions of the Harboring Statute, and if this interview is authorized the same will be called to his attention.

Knowledge of Underground Operations

It is not believed that subject has knowledge of the underground operations of the Communist Party.

Associates

Subject is a close associate of ART NULARI, ROY LAMPITT, both of whom are in leadership positions in the Communist Party at Spokane, Washington.

Criminal Record

There is no information available indicating that subject has a criminal record.

Health Status

As far as is known subject is in good health.

Approach

It is the plan of agents to approach subject when he is returning or leaving his home by engaging him in a friendly conversation concerning economic conditions in the Spokane area.

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Mention will be made to him that agents remember seeing him at [redacted] when he was employed as [redacted]. He will be asked if he is a member of the [redacted] dealing with the general public.

Agents will present to subject for his examination identification orders on various Bureau fugitives and his cooperation will be solicited in the matter of identifying the photographs shown to him and in furnishing information concerning the whereabouts of the said fugitives.

Agents plan on discussing with [redacted] the matter of the jurisdiction of the F.B.I. in the field of internal security as well as relating to criminal matters. In the discussion with subject concerning the Bureau's jurisdiction mention will be made of the Harboring Statute and he will be advised of the provisions thereof.

Agents will inquire of [redacted] for any information which he possesses relative to the existence of any fascist organizations in the Spokane area and detailed information will be secured from him should he possess such knowledge. It is planned that a general discussion will stem from the inquiry just referred to and to matters relating to the Communist Party, and he will be solicited in a very friendly and courteous manner to make available the information which he possesses.

Agents on this first contact with subject will have as their objective the establishing of friendly relations between subject and agents and they will volunteer to answer any questions that he might desire to propound relating to any matters. If agents are not in possession of such knowledge, he will be assured that if agents cannot answer the questions steps will be taken to secure the answers.

In view of the information recently received to the effect that subject is becoming more active in Communist Party circles in Spokane, it is entirely probable that he may find himself [redacted] in the very near future. Consequently, the Bureau is respectfully requested to authorize this interview along the plans outlined above, which interview will be held within sixty days from the receipt of such authority depending on the urgency of other TOPLEV matters.

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SAC, New York [redacted] (100-82433)

February 17, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-59)(100-2-5223)

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BERNARD L. KOTEN, was.
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Reurlet dated February 8, 1954.

Authority is granted to contact Koten whenever feasible away from residence and place of employment.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with Toplev subjects.

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COMMUNIST PARTY (CP, USA)

Director, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: Asst. Dir., A.H. Belmont
SAC, NY (100-82433)

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BERNARD L. KOTEN has been selected for an approach under the Toplev Program.

Birth Data

Subject was born in NYC on March 11, 1912, of Russian born parents.

Marriage

KOTEN was married to LILLIAN STEIN, who was born in NYC on January 29, 1911, of Russian born parents. LILLIAN KOTEN held a teacher's license with the NYC Board of Education, having graduated from Hunter College in 1931 with an A.B. Degree. It is reported that KOTEN is no longer married to LILLIAN STEIN.

Residence

KOTEN resides at 548 West 164 Street with his mother, [REDACTED] KOTEN has resided there for seventeen or eighteen years.

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Education

The records of Columbia University, NYC, reflect that KOTEN on 8/5/37 filed an application for entrance to that university. In this application, he stated that he had attended Moscow State Pedagogical Institute of Modern Languages, Moscow, Russia, from February 1933 to 1936. He had received a diploma issued to citizen BERNARD LOUISOVITCH KOTEN. He stated in his application that he studied political economy, world history, Leninism, the history of the CP of the Soviet Union, psychology, Russian and other subjects. This application

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shows also that he was employed from 1932 to 1936 at the Commissariat of Food, Industry and Foreign Trade, Moscow, as an instructor of English. On 2/28/40 subject received an M.A. Degree from Columbia University Teachers College. It has been reported that KOTEN attended the University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins University and Maryland Institute of Art from 1929 to 1932.

Employment

KOTEN is currently employed as librarian and research director of the Library for Intercultural Studies, Incorporated, 58 Park Ave., NYC (formerly the American Russian Institute).

Activities of Library for Intercultural Studies (LIS)

According to an informant, the LIS purchases much of its material which is used for reference work from abroad. In June 1953, the Library sought information of the Peoples Publishing House 85, Cotta Road, Colombo, Ceylon, concerning the possibility of ordering Soviet material (both books and periodicals) through that house. The informant stated that the Peoples Publishing House at Colombo, Ceylon, is completely owned and operated by the Ceylon CP and is used as an outlet for Soviet propaganda.

The American Russian Institute, according to Dr. BELLA DODD, was operated by local Communists and especially by BERNARD KOTEN, whom this informant described as "one of the slickest Communists of all." This informant stated that the Institute did a terrific job getting slanted literature into the schools. It gave in-service courses with the approval of the Board of Education in NY.

Contacts of Subject

In August 1953 KOTEN was in contact with EVGENI LITOSHKO, part time correspondent for "Pravda."

It is noted that "Pravda" is registered with the Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 as amended and lists itself as being solely supported by the Central Committee of the CP of the USSR.

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It is to be noted that LITOSHKO left the United States on 12/1/53 for Russia.

In June 1950 KOTEN was in contact with a former employee of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission.

KOTEN was a member of the International Workers Order.

Activities of KOTEN

In 1951 KOTEN was known to be a contact of the Yugoslav United Nations Delegation to the United Nations in NYC.

The July 1951 issue of the "New World Review" (formerly "Soviet Russia Today") contained an article entitled, "Soviet Labor -- Free or Fettered?" by SENDER GARLIN and BERNARD L. KOTEN.

It will be noted that SENDER GARLIN was contacted under the Toplev Program during September 1953, at which time he refused to cooperate with the FBI.

An informant reported that in 1951 KOTEN was regarded as a "VIP" (very important person) on the invitation list labeled "USSR, Nov. 7, Invitations," which was prepared by the Tass News Agency in NYC.

On 4/29/52 a meeting held at the Malin Studios, 225 West 46 St., NYC, by the American Veterans for Peace was attended by GRIGORI ILYICH OLIFIRENKO, Second Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C., and BERNARD KOTEN, among others.

On January 23, 1954, it will be noted, OLIFIRENKO left the United States for Russia.

In June 1952 KOTEN was reported to have attended a meeting of the Library for Intercultural Studies, at which fifty persons were in attendance. Among those was PAVEL ANDREEVICH FISUNOV, national correspondent employee of the Tass News Agency. An informant reported that in September 1952 KOTEN was in contact with FISUNOV regarding meetings that were being held at the Security Council at the U.N. Secretariat and was particularly interested in determining which Russians were to be placed on the various committees.

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It is to be noted that FISUNOV left the U. S. on
9/30/53 for Russia.

Subject's Visits to
Russia

Subject was in Russia for approximately eight years up to 1938. His father was employed as chief of the Veterinary Commission of the USSR during this time and his mother was engaged in social work in the USSR. During this time KOTEN attended Moscow University and also voted in the USSR National Elections held in 1936. Subject traveled through all sixteen republics of the USSR during that time. It was reported that BERNARD KOTEN and his father had made numerous parachute jumps to reach remote sections of the USSR, and that KOTEN at one time received a Soviet award for improvising a method of expediting the removal of soil on the Moscow subway project.

It was reported that KOTEN traveled through the USSR without Secret Service coverage and was believed to have had some contacts at a rather high level in the Russian Government.

Military Record

KOTEN was inducted into the U.S. Army 3/27/43 and was discharged as a staff sergeant on 2/14/46. Subject is reported to have been awarded the Legion of Merit for outstanding service of a classified nature while performing duty on missions with the Soviet troops in Germany in 1945.

While in the Army subject was detailed to the Biarritz American University as an instructor in the Russian language and Soviet civilization course in the summer of 1945. It was reported that subject at this time had had excellent contacts in the Soviet Embassy of Paris, which was considered to be an active Soviet Intelligence center. On week-ends KOTEN made trips to the Soviet Embassy at Paris to procure Soviet films and documents.

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Various informants have reported throughout the past ten years that KOTEN has been in frequent contact with known members of the CP on a high level and with various representatives of the Soviet or satellite delegations to the United Nations and with the Soviet Embassy.

In view of the background of KOTEN as an employee of the American Russian Institute and the Library for Intercultural Studies and consequently in view of his contacts and potential contacts with Russian Nations in addition to possible contacts among the top level of the CP, USA, it is believed that he would be an excellent informant if he would cooperate with the Government.

Authority is requested to interview KOTEN under the Toplev Program. This interview will take place away from his residence and employment under secure conditions by two agents assigned to the Toplev Program. It is anticipated that this interview will take place some time during the week of February 22, 1954.

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

February 17, 1954

SAC, Detroit [redacted]

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Re: [redacted]

ATTENTION: Mr. A. H. BELMONT, Assistant Director

Re my letter dated November 19, 1953, requesting authority to pay Informant up to \$100 per week for a three month period effective December 1, 1953, and Bureau approval of this request dated November 25, 1953.

During the months of December, 1953, and January and February, 1954, the Informant performed as follows:

Attended the Third FNLC Annual Convention December 5 and 6, 1953, at Chicago, Illinois, [redacted]
[redacted] Data submitted by the Informant was incorporated in a nine page letter to the Bureau December 22, 1953, under caption "FNLC, Internal Security - C, Internal Security Act of 1950," Bureau file number 100-367632, too voluminous for repetitious mention in this letter.

Because of the Informant's long participation in Communist Party (CP) activities and related groups, he has been able to furnish information of value regarding all of the past and present functionaries including many lower level and Rank and File membership. Weak and strong points, personalities, hobbies, likes and dislikes, and family history are some of the valuable data submitted by this Informant in addition to the activities of individuals.

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[redacted] the A. C. Williams Memorial Missionary Baptist Church which recently purchased the Jericho Temple, 2705 Joy Road, Detroit, Michigan.

The Jericho Temple, also known as the Jewish Cultural Center, has been rented for CP and related groups mass meetings over the past many years. Unable to find better accommodations or to be accepted by

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other owners of hall space due to the character of the organization, the Party and related groups have been forced to meet at the Jericho Temple since approximately 1948.

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Jericho Temple, which he utilizes only on occasion. In this capacity,
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CP organizer at [redacted] and still active within related groups in
Detroit, came to [redacted]

The Informant substantially advised [redacted] that no one tells the Church how to operate their building as long as the organizations carry on their meetings in proper order.

There appeared in the "Detroit Times" newspaper publication under date February 10, 1954, an article entitled "Red Hangout Sold to Church." This article indicated that Detroit Communists had lost their favorite meeting place, a three story brick building at 2705 Joy Road, where for years the Reds played hide and seek with various police agencies. It indicated that the building had been sold to the A. C. Williams Memorial Missionary Baptist Church and that Reverend LAURE TERASHAS and Reverend THEODORE WILLIAMS are withdrawing the welcome mat, which the Reds and their followers had worn thin in recent years.

On February 11, 1954, the Informant personally and orally advised that contrary to publicity given in the aforementioned

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article the Church building, with complete accordance by the Co-Pastors, will continue to rent the accommodations out to any organization regardless of its political bias providing they conduct themselves properly, do not wave flags, or throw literature around to advocate political rallies. Further the Informant stated that [redacted]

CP. [redacted]

On January 30, 1954, at the request of Coleman Young, Executive Secretary of the NNLC and reportedly one of three functionaries who now are in command of activities of [redacted] the Informant appeared at the offices of the NNLC.

GAIL DRYD, Secretary of the Greater Detroit Branch of the NNLC, in the presence of COLEMAN YOUNG made the following statements to the Informant:

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3. COLEMAN YOUNG stated that it had not been foreseen that their paths (meaning the path of [redacted] returning closer to the fold of the CP) would cross so soon. Now that the Informant is in a position to help the Party it was time that [redacted] started working closer with the organization.

YOUNG gave [redacted] a pamphlet entitled "Stalin's Thought Illuminates Problems of Negro Freedom Struggle" by CHARLES F. MANN for discussion in clubs and classes issued by the National Education Department, CP, USA, 263 Seventh Avenue, New York 1, New York, price, twenty-five cents, January, 1953.

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[redacted] was informed that [redacted] would work with him to read, analyze, and understand the contents of this pamphlet which contains the present Party line.

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YOUNG also indicated that there are only two copies [redacted] and it must be returned after it is thoroughly read and [redacted] was requested to get in touch with YOUNG for further discussion [redacted]

This Informant has submitted information of value regarding CP, [redacted] security matters, underground operations, hideouts, compros, membership, organization, and the M.I.C.

Information submitted by this Informant has not been reported by other sources of the Detroit Office on the same high level. Substantiation of his information usually trickles down later to section and club levels and is then reported in part by these sources.

COMPENSATION RECEIVED

The Informant is being paid according to the quantity and quality of information furnished, it being noted that during the previous three months' authorized pay period of December, 1953, and January and February, 1954, he has received an average of \$55 per week.

REQUEST FOR BUREAU AUTHORITY

It is, therefore, recommended that authority be granted to continue payments to the captioned Informant up to \$100 per week for services rendered for another period of three months effective March 1, 1954.

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]
Attn: Asst. Asst. Dir. A.H. BELMONT
CAC, New York [redacted]

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Rebulet, 12/18/53, authorizing interview with [redacted]

Several spot checks failed to provide an opportunity to interview subject under secure conditions.

On 2/12/54, a spot surveillance was set up in the neighborhood of the residence. [redacted] by subject, at [redacted] NY. by SAs [redacted] A. BELLY, ALFRED R. NOWAK, and [redacted]

At approximately 9 A.M. a man identified as the subject left his home and walked about 30 yards to a lunchroom. He stayed only a minute in that store, having apparently purchased cigars. He immediately returned home to his residence.

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At 9:15 A.M. subject was observed to leave his home and walk along the [redacted] shopping district. After he had emerged from a grocery store SAs NOWAK and [redacted] approached him and interviewed him in a secure location while SA BELLY observed this contact. [redacted] readily admitted his identity. The agents asked him if they could talk to him for a moment. [redacted] very pleasantly agreed. When the agents then produced their credentials and identified themselves as FBI agents [redacted] very indignantly said, "Oh no! I don't talk to anyone from the FBI". He then started walking very rapidly away from the agents. The agents walked along with him and asked if he would consent to a talk on a confidential basis at any time. He answered, "No sir, not with you".

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Letter to Director

NY [redacted]

Following this remark he began running in the direction of his home without looking back. Efforts to interview him any further were discontinued.

In view of the above, it is apparent that [redacted] is following the CP directive of not talking at all to the FBI. Therefore, no further consideration will be given to interviewing [redacted] under the TOPLTV program at this time.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: Feb. 18, 1954

FROM : SAC, Detroit (66-3360)

SUBJECT: CP, USA;
 DEVELOPMENT OF TOP LEVEL SECURITY INFORMANTS
 (TOPLEV)
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Rebulet January 11, 1954.

The instructions set forth in rebulet have been thoroughly discussed with the four agents in the Detroit Division assigned to the TOPLEV program. The Bureau's desire to have the work on the program accelerated and the interviews in connection with the pending 26 subjects completed within the next few months will be kept in mind so that the Bureau's desires are complied with as soon as possible.

Undoubtedly, new subjects will qualify for consideration under this program and, in some cases, it will probably be found that such individuals should be given priority at once, before the 26 presently on the list. It is, of course, our desire to interview subjects while the "iron is hot" whenever it is possible to do so, inasmuch as we are primarily interested in developing TOPLEV informants rather than in running a series of interviews to be able to advise the Bureau that the interviews have been conducted.

The four men assigned to this program realize that they have a big job to do and all necessary measures will be taken to assure that the interviews are expedited, commensurate with the thought of conducting those interviews under the conditions believed to be most ideal for the development of the TOPLEV informant.

It so happens that the pending HCUA hearings in this area have given the Party the talking point which the CP is using, along the lines that interviews of its members by FBI agents are for the purpose of "setting them up" for the HCUA. [redacted] has advised that the Party has been rather successful in convincing its members that interviews of them by agents are for this purpose. This informant has also stated that the Party has also given its

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CP, USA; TOPLEV

people the general opinion that the FBI is spotting the CP members for the HCUA so that individuals can be served with subpoenas.

One other element which has possibly affected the anticipated results of interviews is the unhappy predisposition of the newspapers to use the terms "Government Spies" or "Government Informers", etc. in its descriptions of the informants who were used in the Smith Act trial of the top six in this area.

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[redacted] has advised that while certain people in the Party might be willing to talk to the agents under normal circumstances, they are definitely not willing to accept the possibility of going before a Committee where "politicians will parade their lies" and where the members of the Committee, after the hearing, go back to Washington and forget about the witnesses.

In the interviews being conducted in this Division, each possible opportunity is being used to lay stress on the confidential nature of the FBI's work and its security measures for the protection of anyone who furnishes information to us.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. Tele. Room	
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 3/1/54

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FROM : SAC, NEWARK

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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ReBulet 4/7/53.

Status of program at Newark is as follows:

1. Under investigation to request Bureau authority:
2. Bureau authority received to contact or recontacts:
3. Authority requested to recontact:
None.
4. Under consideration for future interview:
None.

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SAC, Chicago [redacted]

February 18, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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It is noted that authority was granted in Bulet of October 8, 1953, to interview the subject under this program and you advised in letter of December 15, 1953, that numerous attempts to ascertain his whereabouts have failed to locate him and continued efforts would be made to contact him within the next 60 days.

No advice has been received from you and evidently subject's whereabouts is unknown. In view of the fact subject cannot be interviewed at the present time under this program, his case should be removed from Toplev consideration.

The case should be reassigned and if the subject's whereabouts is determined, consideration should be immediately given to an interview with him under the Toplev Program and the Bureau should be advised prior to such interview, setting forth the contemplated plan of approach which must be made in accordance with the Bureau's instructions relating to interviews with Toplev subjects.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

February 18, 1954

SAC, LOS ANGELES [redacted]

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Remylet dated December 15, 1953.

SURVEILLANCES

Surveillances indicated that the captioned subject is employed as an [redacted] California. He is on a 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. shift. He resides at [redacted] California, with his elderly mother, who is deranged. Surveillances indicated that subject drives directly to work from his residence, that he parks along the street with many other workers, and that upon completion of his working day, proceeds directly to his home.

It was deemed advisable to approach this subject in the immediate vicinity of his place of employment, as he approached his car after work. On February 12, 1954, the Plant Security Officer of [redacted] advised Agent that [redacted] were being relieved at 2:18 P.M. because of a temporary arrangement in the plant and there would be few other employees on the street when the subject got off at that time.

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CONTACT

At about 2:00 P.M., the subject was approached in the immediate vicinity of his place of employment by SA's [redacted] and VINCENT W. HUGHES. Agents did not immediately identify themselves but made a joking reference to the [redacted] at the plant not doing too much [redacted] on that day. Agents had previously been advised by the Plant Security Officer that the Plant Manager had severely bawled out some fellows in the [redacted] on the previous day for doing a poor job and that the [redacted] on February 12, 1954. [redacted] went along with the joke and stated that they were doing the best they could. After a few minutes, Agents identified themselves and went into a discussion concerning their jurisdiction in the Internal Security field and the history of the Bureau's activities in this regard, with emphasis on their past investigation of Fascism.

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Agents then stated that the emphasis today is on Communist investigations and the reasons being because the Communists advocated revolution and adhered to enemies of International Communism.

Agents then asked [REDACTED] if in his participation in Communist activities he had actually considered himself a revolutionist who planned someday to revolt and actually go to war against his own country, or whether or not he was simply using the Communist Party as a means of protesting certain iniquities that do exist in the United States. [REDACTED] smilingly replied by asking, "What is a Revolutionist?" Agents then gave him V.I. LENIN's definition of a professional revolutionist, wherein Communist Party members are required to sacrifice their families and homes if necessary. Agents then went on to point out that they were seeing this done today in the Communist Party Underground and mentioned the name of LOU BARON as an example. [REDACTED] stated "Yes, I knew LOU BARON."

Agents then reiterated their original question as to whether or not the subject looked forward to being a revolutionist or whether he was simply protesting conditions, and he stated in reply to the first half of the question, "certainly not." He then said that he felt that he had a right to protest. He stated he regards the present period in this country as a time of hysteria. He stated there have been similar periods in our history and they have always passed and he anticipates that this one will pass, implying that Communist activities are not the menace that they have been described. He then made the comment, in a non-hostile fashion, that he couldn't answer any of the Agents' question and indicated that he would like to consider the interview terminated. Agents immediately pointed out that they were not going to ask him any questions that they simply wanted to discuss this matter. [REDACTED] indicated he understood and made no effort to break off the interview.

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Agents went back to [REDACTED] comment, that he was using the Communist Party as a means of protest, and they pointed out to him that it is elementary in the Party teachings that when the Communists take over the country, that there will be a monolithic political state and that American was no exception to this because WILLIAM Z. FOSTER himself had made this statement in his book entitled "Towards A Soviet America." Agents asked [REDACTED] how some of us non-Communists could protest in a nation which only tolerated Communism. He stated that it was his understanding that there should be differences within the Communist Party and that the people could put up their own candidates for office. Agent stated that this might be technically true within the Party but what about those people who advocated something different than Communism. He had no answer to this question and merely shrugged it off.

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He was then asked if he really believed that even within the Communist Party the people had a genuine voice since the Party is based on a system of democratic centralism wherein, supposedly, the lower echelons determined the course to be taken and that the executives at the top made the final decision and saw to it that it was carried out. Agents asked if this was not a natural set up for the leadership to always be in a position of absolute control, and, as a matter of fact, did not his own experience in the Communist Party in Los Angeles indicate that the orders always came from above? While there was considerable discussion on this point with [redacted] he did not directly refute the arguments of Agents during the discussion. He stated that another thing which had puzzled him was that when a number of Fascists were tried for sedition in World War II, that they were never convicted, whereas Communists today being tried under the SMITH Act are being convicted without exception. Agents frankly admitted they did not have all the details on the Fascist trials he was referring to but that their recollection was that the government had attempted to lump together isolated groups which made faulty indictments and that strictly, from a legal standpoint, the case was a failure, whereas it may have had some merit had the legal approach been without error. He made the remark during this part of the discussion that Party members are being convicted even though they have not been found guilty of committing any acts of violence. Agents went over the provisions of the SMITH Act with the subject and pointed out to him that the Supreme Court in its majority decision had said, in effect, that it would be very foolish indeed to sit back and wait until a conspiracy has all the means to carry out its plans before taking any action against it.

The subject asked the question if it is really necessary for a man to work as hard as he does. Agents pointed out that they were wondering if he was not exaggerating the difficulties of his job, since most of the Agents have done manual labor in their employment history and while they have found it difficult at times, it certainly never became unbearable. This discussion lead to the right of American workers to protest through strikes if conditions actually do become unbearable in a plant, and they asked [redacted] if he had ever heard of a strike in the Soviet Union. He stated that he had not, but that naturally there wouldn't be any strike there because the plants belong to the workers. Agents asked of what significance was it to say that the plant belonged to the workers if the workers did not get a fair wage and couldn't do anything about it if they didn't get a fair wage. [redacted] then said that he was not acquainted with conditions in Russia and that he didn't care about conditions there. Agents stated that this appeared to be a very peculiar attitude to them since he, [redacted] was advocating the Communist form of government and that he should certainly be interested in knowing how Communism works in practice, if that is what he wants us to accept in this country.

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When Agents were discussing the question of allegiance of Communist Party members to International Communism, [redacted] stated he had never heard of any instant where the government had been able to tie in an American Communist Party member with actual Soviet Agents. Agents then gave a detailed history of ALGER HISS' case, pointing out that HISS, as an American Communist, was instructed by Soviet Agents as to what he should do. [redacted] made no effort to refute the remarks of Agents.

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Again [REDACTED] brought up the question that there was no more point in continuing this line of discussion since he simply did not agree with Agents. He was then asked if he considered this even conceivable, that there could be individuals or organizations which constitute a danger to this country, and who needed watching, to which he replied in the affirmative. Agents then asked the question that, "But you don't think the Communist Party falls in this category?" [REDACTED] replied "Obviously not."

Agents pointed out that what they would like to do was to sit down with the subject and by the Communist Party's own writings, attempt to prove to him that the Party advocates revolution and that its primary allegiance is to International Communism. The subject originally gave a negative reply, but as Agents discussed the various places where they might recontact him, he mentioned that one of the reasons he wouldn't see them at his home was because his mother has delusions of persecution and is almost completely deranged. He did make the comment that he would read any literature that Agents might furnish and a little later in the interview, agreed that if Agents contacted him again in the vicinity of the plant, that he would talk to them. This interview lasted exactly two hours.

EVALUATION

The subject impressed Agents as a very reasonable, pleasant, individual who is slow thinking, but fairly intelligent. While he used the Communist Party arguments, he showed no sign of fanaticism and would not even refute agents when they explained away some of his arguments.

It is felt that on a personal basis, Agents got along very well with the subject. However, it is doubtful if they made much progress with him on the level of the Communist discussion. However, the fact that he agreed to a re-interview certainly merits going through with it from the standpoint of effort to develop him as an informant.

Bureau authority is therefore requested to recontact the subject within two weeks.

SAC, New York [redacted]

February 19, 1954

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Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible away from residence and place of employment.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with Toplev subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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Director, FBI (100-3-99)
(Att: Asst. Dir. A. H. BELMONT)
SAC, New York [redacted]

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[redacted] has been selected for an approach under the
Toplev Program.

Birth and Citizenship

[redacted] and
was naturalized through his father's papers on [redacted]
father and mother were both born [redacted]

Residence

[redacted] resides in [redacted]
[redacted] NYC.

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Education

The subject attended the [redacted] High School,
Brooklyn, NY. He also attended the [redacted]
[redacted]

Marital Status

[redacted] married [redacted] It will
be noted that [redacted] the subject's wife, is the daughter
of [redacted]
[redacted] for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

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Employment

The subject has been employed by the following companies:

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[redacted] has been employed by the [redacted]

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[redacted] listed his employment on an application for a driver's permit as the [redacted] [redacted] NYC.

CP Activities

The "Daily Worker" of [redacted] contained an article captioned [redacted] and indicated that [redacted]

[redacted]. This rally was sponsored by the NY State Labor Youth League to honor the memory of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG.

Among those speakers at this rally was WILLIAM WINSTONE, representing the CPUSA. WINSTONE was one of the 13 Communist leaders who were convicted on 1/21/53 in NYC for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

On 3/26/53 [redacted] had an appointment to meet GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, Trade Union Secretary, NY State CP, in the offices of the NY State CP, 268 7th Avenue, NYC. CHARNEY was one of the 13 CP leaders convicted on 1/21/53 in NYC for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

According to a neighbor, the subject and his wife [redacted]. This neighbor stated that approximately fifteen or twenty people of mixed races [redacted]

It was reported that on [redacted] the Jewish People's Children's School, Bronx, NY. [redacted] "the fight to vindicate the Rosenbergs" and its "relationship to events of today."

Letter to Director
NY [redacted]

[redacted] participated on 6/21/53 in the funeral procession of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG.

Labor Youth League Activities

[redacted] NYC, on 2/22/51 for a meeting and dance for the Labor Youth League (LYL).

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The "Daily Worker" of [redacted] contained an article captioned [redacted] [redacted] related that a delegation of eleven Negro and white youths visited the Justice Department in Washington on 12/19/51 and demanded that it stop prosecuting ROOSEVELT WARD, Negro youth leader. [redacted] LYL, [redacted] to Washington.

The "Daily Worker" of [redacted] contained an article captioned [redacted] This article related that a gathering had been held at the Yugoslav-American Hall, NYC, on 6/14/52 to pay tribute to Smith Act defendants CLAUDIA JONES and BETTY GANNETT. The testimonial banquet was sponsored by the NYC LYL. The article further indicated that [redacted]

It will be noted that CLAUDIA JONES and BETTY GANNETT were both convicted in NYC on 1/21/53 for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

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In [redacted] "report on league organization" which was issued by the NY State Board of the LYL. This report concerned the proposed reorganization of the LYL clubs and set forth suggestions and reasons for such reorganization.

[redacted] two day meeting of the National Council of the LYL held beginning 11/14/53 at NYC. On 11/15/53 [redacted] of the two day council meeting.

Letter to Director
NY [redacted]

Jefferson School of Social Science

The "Daily Worker" of [redacted] carried an advertisement reflecting that the Jefferson School of Social Science was offering Tuesday evening courses for a ten weeks session. This advertisement listed [redacted]

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An informant reported that [redacted] attended a "Peoples Conference to Fight the McCarran Act Prosecutions and McCarthyism" sponsored by the CRC, held on 10/24/53 at Yugoslav Hall, NYC. Among those attending this conference were ALEXANDER TRACHLENBERG, one of the CP leaders who had been convicted under the Smith Act, and members of the Jefferson School faculty and LYL leaders from NY State, NYC, and Pennsylvania.

On 10/29/53 at the Yugoslav Hall, NYC, the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade held a "Protest Murder Attack Rally for Bob Thompson." According to [redacted] members of the CP and the Labor Youth League were told to attend this rally and that no excuse for their absence would be accepted. [redacted] attended this rally and according to this informant, three convicted Smith Act CP leaders attended, as well as many LYL leaders from Metropolitan NY and other members of the CP.

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[redacted] advised on 11/12/53 that [redacted] made an appointment to see WILLIAM WEINSTONE, CP leader convicted under the Smith Act, and asked WEINSTONE to hold a date open for him presumably for LYL business.

The NY LYL assembled a delegation and proceeded to Washington, D. C., on 11/30/53 to protest the hearings before the SACB concerning the LYL. [redacted]

[redacted] a memo published by the NY County Board of the LYL, Washington. During the trip to Washington by bus, [redacted]

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Letter to Director

NY [redacted]

On 12/4/53 a meeting for the LYL members of NY was held at the Yugoslav Hall, NYC. The purpose of the meeting was to deliver a report on the results of the Delegation to Washington. [redacted]

[redacted] that telegrams should be sent to the Bureau of Prisons requesting that ROBERT FREDERSON, convicted CP leader, be transferred from the Tombs in NYC to a hospital ward.

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Approach

In view of the fact that [redacted] [redacted] the LYL in NYC, it is believed that he would be an excellent informant both in LYL matters and CP matters if he were to cooperate with the government.

Authority is therefore requested to interview [redacted] under the Toplev Program. If authority is granted, it is anticipated that this approach will be made sometime during the week of 3/1/54.

SAC, ALBANY

March 3, 1954

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
TOPLEV (100-3-99)
SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM (66-2542-3)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

There are transmitted herewith copies of a publication entitled "Where Are They Now?" for use in connection with the captioned programs of the Bureau. This pamphlet presents graphically the results of the major purges in the Soviet Union since 1917.

The availability of this material should be brought to the attention of all agents in your office who are assigned to internal security and related investigations.

A small supply of this pamphlet is being maintained in the Central Research Unit at the Bureau in the event additional copies are required by your office.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: February 24, 1954

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
 (TOPLEV) (100-3-99)
 SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM (66-2542-3)
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The Central Research Unit recently reviewed all the material issued by the United States Information Agency (USIA) to determine if any of this material could be used in the captioned programs of the Bureau. Among the publications issued by USIA was a pamphlet entitled "Where Are They Now?" which presents graphically the results of the purges in the Soviet Union since 1917, a copy of which is attached.

Extra copies of the attached pamphlet were not available from USIA so copies were reproduced by the Bureau's Mechanical Section for dissemination to the field in quantities recommended by the Internal Security Section.

A letter transmitting this pamphlet to the offices in which the captioned programs are in effect is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the attached letter be approved and, after approval, that it be returned to the Central Research Unit where it will be dated and arrangements completed for forwarding this publication to the field.

cc: Mr. J. D. Donohue

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Attachment

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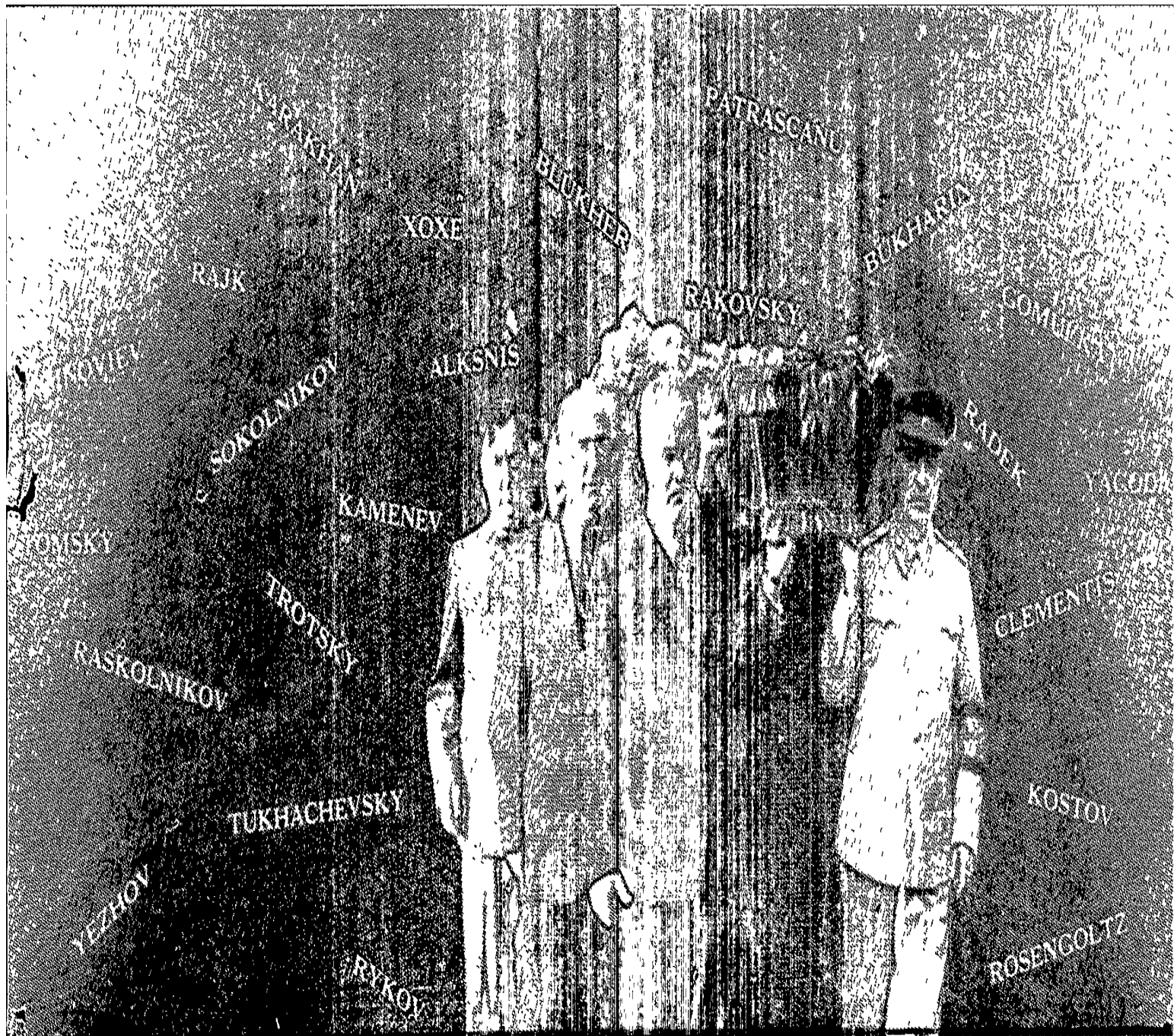
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Where are they now?

Where are they now?

— those fathers of the October Revolution?

— those colleagues of Lenin?

— those first exalted Commissars?

— those Soviet Ambassadors?

— those “big shots” of the Communist Party?

— those Communist puppets?

**They are “purged”— removed, exiled, jailed, shot, hanged,
poisoned, “suicides.”**

Communism has devoured its parents.

It is devouring its children.

Who will be next?

THE year was 1936. Stalin called it "purge"—a liquidation of the "enemies of the people." He clothed it in a semblance of legality. There were court trials, witnesses, confessions of guilt. Yet, to the outside world, mass murder seemed a better name. Within a few years, hundreds of Communist leaders were executed, among them the most devout and once most trusted. Thousands more were exiled, imprisoned, or deported to concentration camps.

Since then, Stalin's purges have been less bloody, less spectacular—but continuous. Today, there are few trials. An arrest in the night, an accusation by the secret police, is enough. Today's heroes are gone tomorrow, their fate and whereabouts unknown. The "death" rate among top echelon party and military leaders is surprisingly high. Purge is the partner of Communism, the dry rot that gnaws at the foundations.

Purge in USSR

Men of October

IN August, 1917, the sixth Congress of the Russian Communist Party (then called the Social-Democratic-Bolshevik Party) elected a central executive committee of 21 men. These were the "men of October," the hard core of fanatically devout and dedicated Communists who fathered, led, and won the October Revolution. They included: Stalin, Lenin, Trotsky, and Kamenev, Bukharin, Zinoviev, Krestinsky, Rykov, Sokolnikov, Berzin, Bubnov, and Miliutin.

Today, only three of the 21 are alive. Eleven have been murdered by the Communist government they themselves brought into being. The revolution has devoured its parents.



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LEON KAMENEV, trusted colleague of Lenin (above), First Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the USSR, and President of the Moscow Soviet. Kamenev, Stalin, and Zinoviev became the "big three" when Lenin's health failed. Kamenev was tried and shot in 1936.

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NIKOLAI BUKHARIN, Comintern President, whom Lenin called "the most valuable theoretician of the Party." Stalin kept him to draft the 1936 Constitution, then shot him as a "traitor" in 1938.

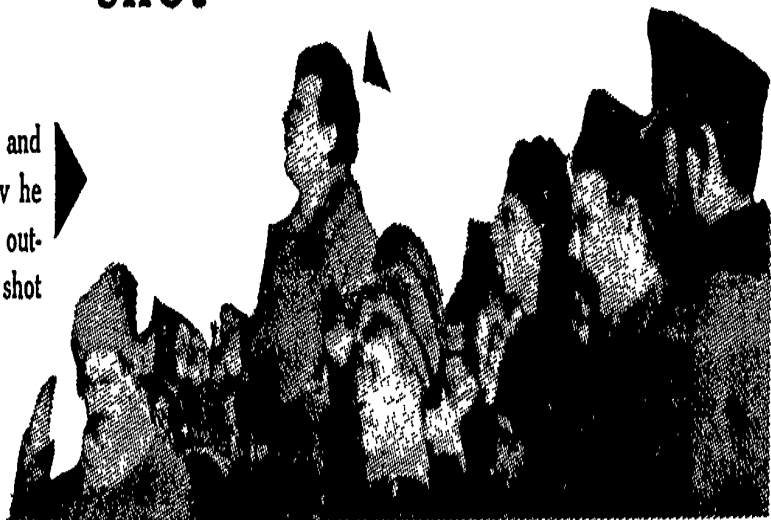
executed



SOKOLNIKOV (left) and KRESTINSKY (right), both revolutionaries who became vice-commissars of foreign affairs. Both were shot for "treason." Center, LITVINOV, their boss, who died recently in Moscow.

shot

GREGORY ZINOVIEV, member of the Politburo and President of the Leningrad Soviet. With Kamenev he opposed Stalin's power after Lenin's death. Stalin outmaneuvered him, seized Party control, had him shot in 1936.



shot



ALEXEI RYKOV, Lenin's successor as Chairman of the Council of People's Commissars. He disagreed with Stalin on farm collectivization and was shot as an "enemy of the people" in 1938.

murdered



LEON TROTSKY, one of the most influential Bolsheviks and organizer of the Red Army. A bitter struggle for power between Trotsky and Stalin was inevitable — as Lenin foresaw. Trotsky was thrown out of Russia in 1928 and later went to Mexico, where Stalin had him murdered (above) in 1940.

Top Brass

THE purge which began in 1937 decimated the Red army, navy, and air force. The slaughter was incredible: three out of five marshals, 11 Vice-Commissars of Defense, 75 out of the 80 generals and admirals who formed the supreme military council; 90 per cent of all generals, 80 per cent of all colonels, and about 30,000 other officers were killed. The charge was treason. Even the judges who presided at the trial — like the six out of eight generals forming the court martial of the top victim, Marshal Tukhachevsky — were shot. Thus, Stalin's insatiable lust for absolute power crippled the Red army on the eve of Hitler's invasion.

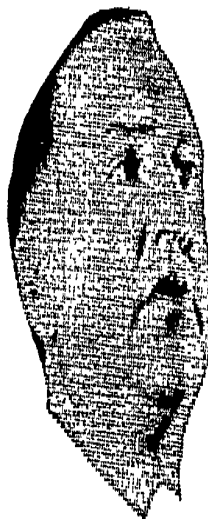
The purge continues even today. Forty-three leading army and navy officers have "died" since 1950.

shot



MARSHAL TUKHACHEVSKY, who was largely responsible for mechanizing the Red Army. Suddenly in 1937, at a closed trial by court martial, he was convicted of espionage and high treason and shot within 48 hours. Eight of his top generals, branded as "mad dogs," died with him.

shot



ADMIRAL ORLOV, Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet Navy, Vice-Commissar of Defense. Condemned as a traitor with Admiral Sivikov in the trials of 1936.

only one survived



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| 1. COMMISSAR GAMARNIK | 7. GENERAL KAMENEV |
| 2. MARSHAL TUKHACHEVSKY | 8. COMMISSAR ORDZHONIKIDZE |
| 3. MARSHAL YEGOROV | 9. MARSHAL BUDYENNY |
| 4. GENERAL KHALEPSKY | 10. GENERAL ALKSNIS |
| 5. ADMIRAL ORLOV | 11. ADMIRAL MUKLEVICH |
| 6. GENERAL YAKIR | 12. GENERAL EYDEMAN |
| 13. GENERAL UBOREVICH | |

TOP WAR COUNCIL OF USSR, 1937. Of these thirteen high echelon military strategists, today only Marshal Budyenny (third from left, front) is alive. All others were murdered, except Gamarnik, who died a suicide.

shot ?



FIRST MARSHALS. Of the five marshals in the Soviet Union in 1937, three were purged. Left to right, Tukhachevsky, shot in 1937; Blukher and Yegorov, disappeared and presumed to have been shot in 1938.

disappeared

ALKSNIS, Commander of the Red Army Air Force, Vice-Commissar of Defense. He is presumed to have been shot during the wholesale army purges of the thirties.



The Diplomats

UNDER Communism, diplomacy has proved to be a highly dangerous profession. The necessary contact with the capitals of the West, with "bourgeois decadence," with "capitalist dogs," with foreign "imperialists," is, in the suspicious eyes of Premier Stalin, breeding ground for treason. In one year alone — 1937 — 16 Ambassadors and Ministers, many of the highest rank, were executed as traitors and imperialist spies. Others have merely "disappeared." They have perhaps achieved the final diplomatic distinction among Communists — a lifetime "appointment" to Siberia.

poisoned



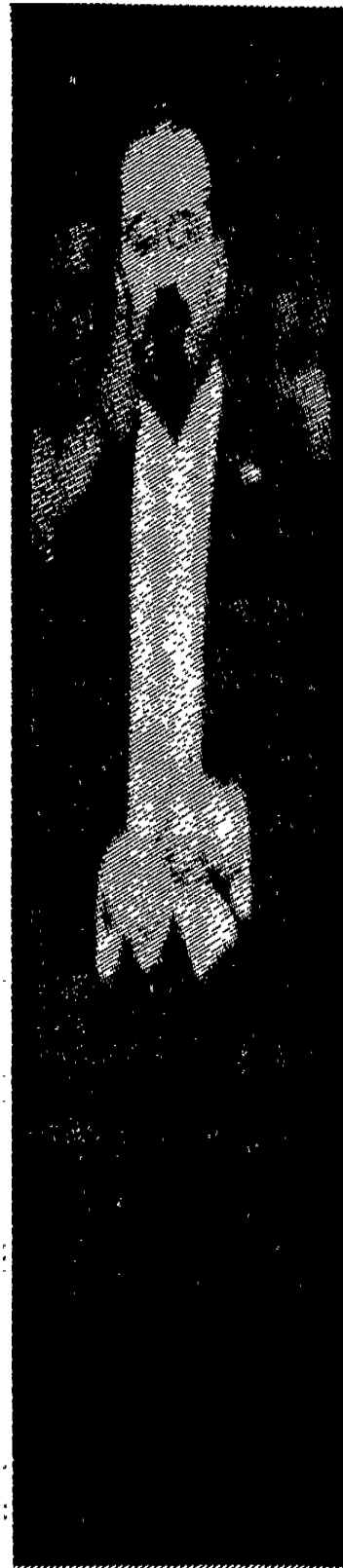
FEODOR RASKOLNIKOV, Ambassador to Afghanistan, Estonia, and Bulgaria. He was recalled from Sofia in 1938, fled to France, but the efficient NKVD found and poisoned him there in 1939.

died in jail



CHRISTIAN RAKOVSKY, once head of the Soviet Ukraine, a political commissar and Ambassador to Paris and London. In 1938, he was sentenced to 25 years in prison, where he died. He was a close friend of deceased Foreign Minister Litvinov.

shot



LEON KARAKHAN, one-time Vice-Commissar of Foreign Affairs and later Ambassador to Turkey. Tried secretly in 1937, he refused to "confess" to conspiracy and espionage, like other purge victims, and was shot in prison.

The Hangmen

FROM 1936 to 1938, an astonished world saw the famous Soviet soldiers and politicians confessing to impossible crimes. The country was terrorized by mass arrests and secret executions, designed to clear the way for Stalin's absolute dictatorship. Yagoda and Yezhov, the two chiefs of the secret police, tortured thousands into confession, and Krylenko, a prosecutor in the purge trials, arranged the legal murder of Stalin's rivals.

But Stalin has not spared even his executioners. All three men have disappeared—and with them every one of their chief lieutenants and every inquisitor who extracted a "confession." No one is left to tell the murderous secrets of intra-Party warfare.

shot



HENRY YAGODA. Command of the dreaded OGPU and award of the Order of Lenin did not save Yagoda. The man who had tortured and killed thousands of his comrades at Stalin's order was shot in 1938. When he was seized, he said bitterly to his captors, "What a pity I didn't kill you when I had the power."

disappeared



NIKOLAI KRYLENKO became the first Generalissimo of the Red Army after the Revolution. Later he was made Procurator of the Republic and Commissar of Justice. After prosecuting thousands in the staged treason trials, Krylenko was himself accused of treason and "disappeared" in 1938.

disappeared



NIKOLAI YEZHOV succeeded Yagoda as head of the OGPU and managed to be even more cruel than his predecessor. Four months after he staged Yagoda's trial, Yezhov was demoted to the ominously low position of Commissar of Posts and Telegraphs. Soon after this disgrace, he disappeared.

Party Big Shots

NO Commissar, no Politburo member, no agent of the secret police has been secure from purge, regardless of his power and influence. For Stalin's vengeance is particularly swift against those who grow too powerful or who know too much. In one year alone—1937—he destroyed 9 one-time members of the Politburo, 18 People's Commissars, 50 assistant commissars, 40 members or alternate members of the Party's central committee. His vigilance is constant. Top Party men continue to "disappear." Death comes often, and the dead are surprisingly young.

suicide ?



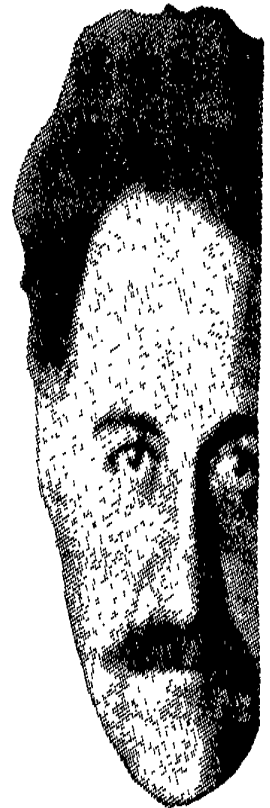
MIKHAIL TOMSKY. A revolutionist since 1905 and later President of the All-Union Council of Trade Unions. His mistake was not keeping in step with Stalin on industrialization and collectivization. In 1929, Stalin took all independent power from the trade unions. In 1936, Tomsky shot himself when the police came to arrest him.



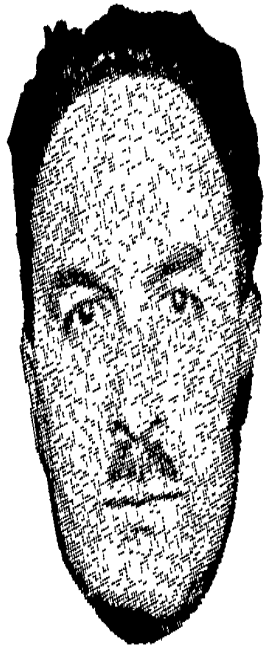
A PURGE TRIAL in Moscow in 1937 had as its prosecutor Nikolai Krylenko (bald man at far left), the Commissar of Justice. A year later, Krylenko "disappeared."

poisoned?

SERGE ORDZHONIKIDZE, a fellow Georgian and friend of Stalin, leader of the Soviet Transcaucasus, Politburo member, and Commissar of Heavy Industry. He "died" in 1937, either poisoned or a suicide.



shot



ARKADY ROSENGOLTZ, financial "genius" of Soviet Russia and Commissar of Foreign Trade. Arrested in 1937, he "confessed" to espionage and was shot as a traitor.

shot



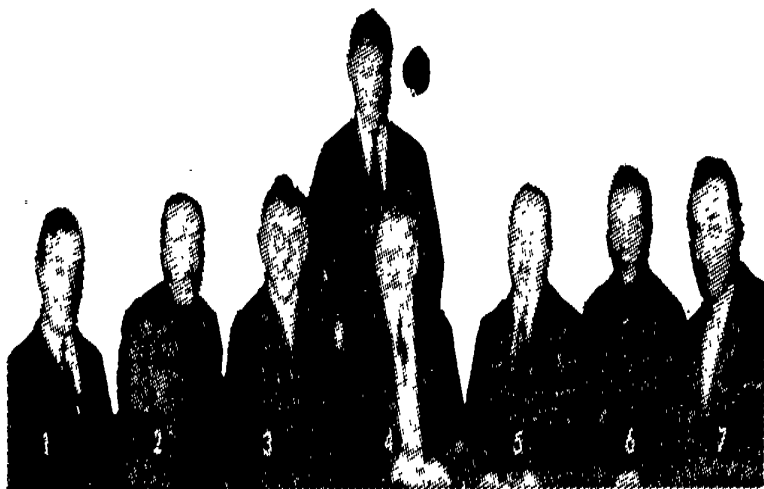
LEONID SEREBRYAKOV, Civil War hero, Secretary of the All-Russian Central Committee of Soviets. Shifting his loyalty from Trotsky to Stalin did not save him from being shot, January, 1937.

purged



KARL RADEK, key Bolshevik propagandist. In the most sensational of the purge trials, he was convicted of conspiring with Trotsky to overthrow Stalin's government.

none survived



SEVEN PRESIDENTS of the Central Executive Committee of the USSR, shown with the aging Kalinin, who was also Chairman of the Council of Peoples' Commissars. All were murdered except Cherviakov, a suicide, and Kalinin, who probably died naturally. Yenukidze (standing) was secretary to the Committee.

1. KHODJAEV
2. MUSABEKOV
3. PETROVSKY
4. KALININ

5. CHERVIAKOV
6. RAKHIMBAYEV
7. AITAKOV
8. YENUKIDZE

disappeared

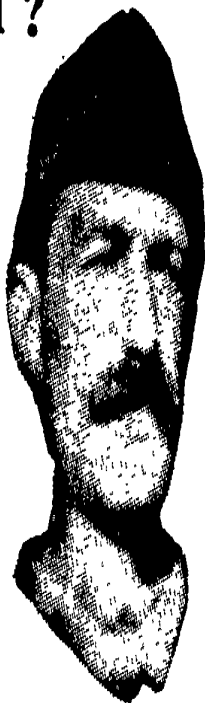


N. A. VOZNESENSKY, (shown with Shvernik, Soviet President (left), and Stalin), Politburo member and once trusted creator of Russia's economic planning. He "disappeared" in 1949. His oblivion is complete. Both his name and portrait have been wiped from Soviet records.

AFTER World War II, Communists seized control in a number of east European countries, bringing Communist "peace" to these "people's democracies." There have been "trials," "confessions," sentences of death, jail, and deportation. The most ardent and highly placed Communists — indeed, the very ones who devotedly sold their countries to Stalin — have been the first to go. The new, the worst crime, punishable by death, is "Titoism," the belief in national independence free of Stalin's yoke. Already the total tally of the dead and imprisoned in the satellites includes four vice-premiers, nearly a hundred Communist generals, over a thousand Communist officials and Party chieftains. Two and a half million "unreliable elements" have been expelled from the Party; some 200,000 of these have been jailed, killed, deported. The revolution is devouring its children.

Purge of the Puppets

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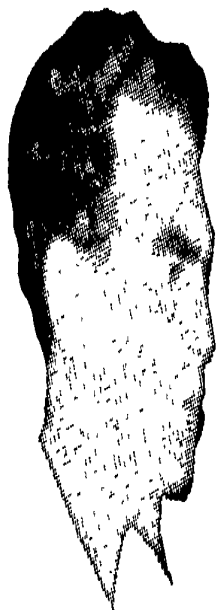


MARKOS VAFIADES. "General Markos" led the Communist guerrilla army in Greece. In September, 1948, he was summoned to Moscow and has not been heard of since.

jailed



jailed



RUDOLF SLANSKY. Moscow-trained Secretary-General of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, considered the most loyal follower of Stalin. In September, 1951, he was suddenly demoted from his party functions. Two months later, he was arrested in a new wholesale purge.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA. Pooh-pooing rumors of purge in 1949, Clementis, Czech Foreign Minister, chats happily with Vyshinsky at the U.N. Two years later, Clementis was arrested.

Who's Next?

Under Communism, purge has no end.

All who dissent must be silenced; all who deviate must perish; all who fall from favor or acquire too much power or prominence are doomed.

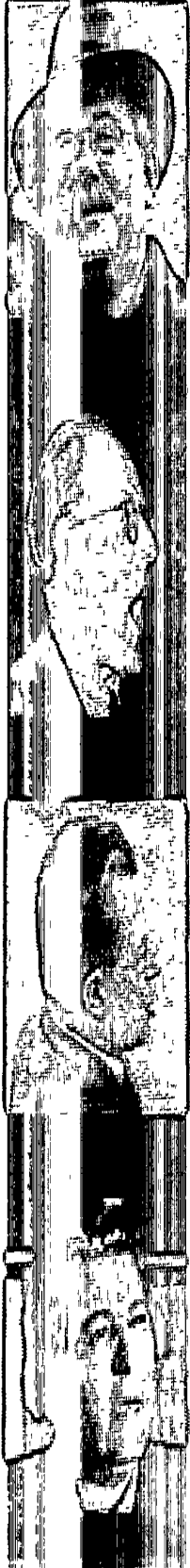
Today they ride high, those clever ones whose comrades are in the grave.

But tomorrow — who can tell?

Stalin and his police keep watch, by night, by day.

Who is safe? Who can be trusted? . . . *Who is next?*

Who's next?



HILARY MINC

Of Poland, Deputy Premier who is already under surveillance by the Moscow agents? Or Jakub Berman, Vice-Premier, reported to be at odds with Marshal Rokossovsky?

OTTO GROTEWOHL

Of Germany, the first Premier of the East German "Republic," puppet of the USSR? Can the Kremlin forget that he was a Social Democrat until 1946?

PALMIRO TOGLIATTI

Of Italy, who opposed return of Trieste to Italy as unfair to Yugoslavia? Later, he went to Moscow, supposedly for a brain operation. Will he survive another?

ANA PAUKER

Of Rumania, who betrayed her own husband in the purges of 1937 and who now is called so frequently to Moscow headquarters? Or perhaps Premier Groza himself?

KLEMENT GOTTWALD

Of Czechoslovakia? Will Stalin forget that he gave his approval to the Marshall Plan in 1947? As President, he betrayed his friend Clementis and purged Slansky. Will this be enough to save him?

MATYAS RAKOSI

Of Hungary? The Deputy Premier has not been seen in public often in recent months. Is his health failing, or has Stalin found him "unreliable"?

MAURICE THOREZ

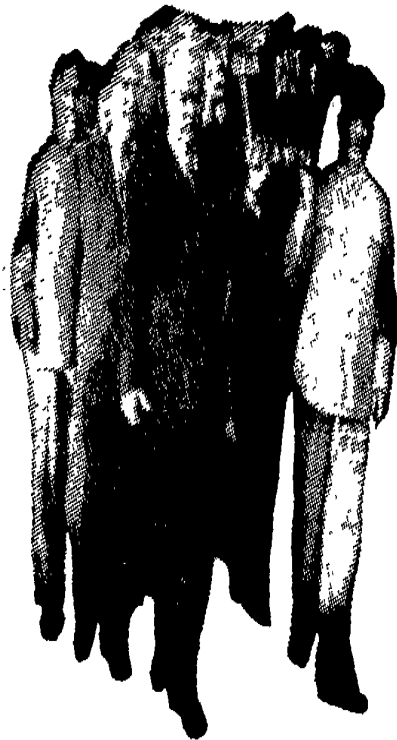
Of France? His state of health does not seem to improve appreciably under the tender care of Premier Stalin in Moscow. Will purge bring about the final cure?

YOU?

Are you a Communist Party member? A friend of the Party? Do you trust the Communists? You have seen how they treat their own. Watch out!

TO choose the victim, to prepare the blow with care, to slake an implacable vengeance, and then to go to bed. . . . There is nothing sweeter in the world!"

— Stalin to Kamenev, 1923



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Director, FBI (100-3-99)
ATT: Assistant Director A. H. BENMONT
SAC, New York [redacted]

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ReBulet 1/12/54 granting authority to approach subject under the
Toplev Program.

Spot checks and surveillances conducted 1/19,22; 2/5,11,16/54
in the vicinity of the subject's residence have failed to provide an
opportunity to approach the subject under full security conditions. However,
it is felt that contact will be made and Bureau advised of same by 3/13/54.

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Reurlet 2-3-54, captioned as above, requesting authority for approach to [Redacted] under the Toplev program.

The Bureau does not concur with an approach to [Redacted] under this program or for the purposes of interviewing him at this time. The intensified investigation of [Redacted] has yet to fully develop his activities or to determine the reasons for his contacts with Grigori I. Olifirenko, who was formerly assigned to the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C., and who is a known Soviet espionage agent. After additional investigation has been conducted by your office along the lines of those outlined to you in Bulet 11-12-53, you may, if such is deemed advisable, re-present your recommendations for an interview with [Redacted]. Such request should be furnished to the Bureau in the [Redacted] case.

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Rebulet 5/14/53 captioned [redacted] was; IS-R",
requesting additional investigation of [redacted] and requesting that efforts
be made to develop active informants at the [redacted]
[redacted] a pending IS - R investigation and his name is
being submitted to the Bureau for its consideration as a subject for an
approach under the Toplev Program.

I. BACKGROUND

Birth Data

[redacted]

Marital Status

[redacted] NY. He has
since divorced [redacted].
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Race and Citizenship

[redacted] and claims citizenship through his father, [redacted]
[redacted] who was naturalized on [redacted]

Education

[redacted]

Employment

[redacted] is reported to be employed by the [redacted]
[redacted] NYC.

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Residence

[redacted] resides with his wife, [redacted]

II. COMMUNIST PARTY AFFILIATIONS

[redacted]
[redacted] IWO until [redacted]
1951, was a member of [redacted]
[redacted] by CP
front organizations.

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[redacted] IWO. [redacted] at
Communist sponsored affairs. [redacted] the IWO [redacted] in the
[redacted] IWO [redacted]
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[redacted] in the summer
of 1947 sponsored by the World Federation of Democratic Youth. In 1949
[redacted]

[redacted] was reported to have been in contact with G. I. OLI-
FIRENKO, Second Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, in March, 1952. [redacted]
was reported to have attended a dinner given in honor of STEVE NELSON
held at the Yugoslav Hall on 11/6/53. [redacted] has been reported to have
been in frequent contact with officials of the American Peace Crusade and
in November, 1953, contacted the residence of [redacted]
[redacted] WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.

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In November, 1953, [redacted]
[redacted] NATHAN WITT. WITT was reported by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as
a member of the "CP underground" in Washington, D.C., in the 1930's.

Information in connection with the activities of [redacted]
is being currently furnished by [redacted]

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NY [redacted]

The name of [redacted] is included in the Security Index.

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III. PLAN of APPROACH

The bureau is requested for authority to contact [redacted] in accordance with existing instructions relating to the TOPLEV Program. If such authority is granted, it is planned that he will be approached on the street by two Agents after having been surveilled to a secure location from his residence or place of employment. It is contemplated that such an approach will be made during the week of February 22, 1954, circumstances permitting.

SAC, New York [redacted]

February 24, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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Re New York letter February 17, 1954.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] wherever
feasible away from residence and place of employment.

In conducting this interview you should be guided
by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews
with target subjects.

Notify Bureau results of contact and if it is
not possible to approach the subject within a certain
period should be furnished the reason why the contact has
not been made and when you anticipate conducting the
interview.

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The above-named individual, who is active in the leadership of the Yugoslav-American Communists, is being considered for interview under the Tolley Program.

The following is known concerning his background and Communist activities:

Background

Subject was [redacted]
His true name is [redacted] however, he is commonly known in the CP as [redacted] Subject entered the US in [redacted] [redacted] His Selective Service file reflects that he married one [redacted]

[redacted]

Subject and his wife currently reside at [redacted] [redacted] and subject is employed as a [redacted] [redacted] his wife is employed as a [redacted] [redacted]

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Communist activities

On 1/15/48, [redacted] who has furnished considerable valuable information concerning Yugoslav-American Communist activities in the US, furnished a report concerning the subject. The informant's report was as follows:

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NY [redacted]

"In [redacted] is an individual by the name of [redacted] of the Communist Party in America. Some time ago I submitted a letter in which I described [redacted] activities and the [redacted] All this information was confirmed by [redacted] of the Communist Party and [redacted] also holds its meetings at the Yugoslav American House. It appears that this [redacted] of the Party since [redacted] is its [redacted] in the New York State setup of the Party. Another reason for this importance of the [redacted] is that it appears to be more or less the [redacted] of the Communist Party in New York State."

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On 6/26/48, former [redacted] advised that the subject was [redacted] of the CP and that he was also [redacted] of the CP.

On 1/31/48, [redacted] reported relative to a meeting held on that date at the [redacted] According to the informant, the meeting was attended and organized by members of the [redacted] and was secret in character. The informant said that [redacted] was a [redacted] of the meeting and all who attended listened [redacted] The informant felt that the conclusion could be drawn that [redacted] CP in NYC and in this capacity was also a member [redacted] of the CP in NY State. The subject gave a glowing account of the accomplishments of the [redacted] Communists and noted that the CP had been successful in obtaining 80% of the shares of the [redacted]

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On 4/6/52, [redacted] reported that [redacted] as of that date, was [redacted]

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NY [redacted]

and was still closely connected with the [redacted] and participated in numerous Communist-sponsored affairs.

On 10/29/53, [redacted] reported on a meeting sponsored by the [redacted] in NYC, and noted that among those active at the meeting were subject and his wife, [redacted]. During the meeting, a collection was taken up for the defense fund on behalf of ROBERT THOMPSON and other "victims" of the Smith Act.

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[redacted] continues to furnish current information regarding [redacted] Communist activities and he advises that [redacted] in this field.

It is noted that [redacted] [redacted] was an active member of the [redacted] of the CP, and currently participates in [redacted] Communist activities with her husband.

Approach

If Bureau authority is received for interview of subject, it is contemplated an approach would be made to him on the street when he is alone and a secure distance from his residence and place of employment. A Bureau car will be kept available nearby so that the interview can be continued privately if subject shows a willingness to continue the discussion.

Bureau authority is requested for such interview to take place during the week of 3/1/54, circumstances permitting.

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SAS, New York [redacted] (100-51170)

February 27, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-97)(100-261973)

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Reurlet dated February 17, 1954.

It is noted that the subject has been active in the American Labor Party for several years, but there is no information set forth that he is a high-level member of the Communist Party. There is also no information set forth in referenced letter indicating that Brillling is active in the Communist Party underground.

As you know, interviews under this program are to be confined to active high-level Communists either in the open or underground Communist Party. Individuals who do not fit this description should be considered for interview under the Security Informant Program or the regular interview program of security subjects.

Authority is not granted, therefore, to contact Brillling under the Topley program, and you should concentrate your efforts on other individuals of Topley caliber.

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PAUL TRILLING
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The above-named individual, who has been active in the leadership of the ALP for several years, is being considered for interview under the Toplev Program.

The following is known concerning his background and Communist activities:

Background

TRILLING was born 1/22/14 in Paterson, NJ. His father, MAX TRILLING, was a native-born American, and his mother, BESSIE, nee Welkin, was a native of Russia. TRILLING attended Rutgers University and Columbus University, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1935. He thereafter taught in the English Dept. of Lodi High School in NJ from 9/4/35 through 2/1/46. During the years 1943-46, he was on military leave with the US Marine Corps and was honorably discharged as a sergeant on 2/3/46.

In 1948 he was employed as an executive of the ALP and since that date has devoted his full time working for this organization. He resides with [redacted] at 42 Livingston St., Brooklyn, NY.

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Communist activities

TRILLING'S early activities were in the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. In 1946 he represented himself to CP functionaries in the Buffalo area as being the Executive Director of the ICCASP.

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He visited CP Headquarters in Buffalo and spoke to NORMAN ROSS and SAM COLEMAN, CP functionaries, regarding the formation of a chapter of the ICCASP in that city. TRILLING told ROSS and COLEMAN that he desired to become associated with persons who are inclined to be "liberals" but who had no known connections with the CP.

As Executive Director of the ICCASP, TRILLING continued his contacts with important CP functionaries, apparently relying on them to some degree for guidance.

In 1949 TRILLING apparently started becoming important in the ALP and his name was mentioned in discussions between BILL NORMAN, one of the CP fugitives at the present time, and VITO MARGANTONIO, former Executive Director of the ALP. The conversations indicated that TRILLING might be a liaison between the CP and the ALP, or at least was being used to deliver messages from one to the other.

On 10/24/50, a reliable informant identified TRILLING as an executive of the ALP with offices at 13 Astor Place, NYC.

On 11/6/50, an article appeared in the "Daily Worker" wherein TRILLING was identified as Executive Secretary of the Brooklyn ALP.

On 8/30/51, the records of the Board of Elections, NYC, reflected that PAUL TRILLING was carried as Executive Secretary of the Kings County ALP.

On 7/9/53, [] advised that invitations were prepared and sent to members of the Russian and Czechoslovak UN Delegations to attend a cocktail party being held at the Polish Consulate on 7/22/53. In addition, other individuals not officially connected with the UN Delegations were invited to attend and among these individuals was PAUL TRILLING of 42 Livingston St., Brooklyn, NY.

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Approach

If Bureau authority is received to interview TRILLING, it is contemplated that the interview will take place on the

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street when he is alone and a secure distance from his residence and place of employment. A Bureau car will be kept available nearby so that the interview may be continued in privacy if TRILLING indicates a willingness to continue the interview with the agents.

Bureau authority is requested for such interview to take place during the week of 3/1/54, circumstances permitting.

SAC, New York [redacted]

February 24, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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Memorandum dated February 16, 1954.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever possible away from residence and place of employment.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with spylov subjects.

Advise Bureau result of contact and if it is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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Director, FBI (100-3-99)
ATTN: ASST. DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT
SAC, New York (100-64373)

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[redacted] Nature Friends [redacted]
[redacted] Nature Friends of America, has
been selected as a person to approach under the TOP-LEV
Program.

BACKGROUND

Birth Data

[redacted]
Pa. His parents are [redacted]

Marital Status

[redacted]
[redacted] NY. They have [redacted]

Race and Citizenship

[redacted] is white and is a citizen of the US.

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Military Service

[redacted] was honorably discharged from the US
Army on [redacted].

Employment

In his Selective Service Questionnaire, [redacted] stated
in 1941 that he was [redacted]

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International Workers Order and had been employed in this position for four years. In 1942, [redacted] the IWO, [redacted] comprising 2,500 members.

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In 1944, [redacted] was employed as [redacted] the IWO. After his military service, [redacted] and he continues to [redacted]

Residence

[redacted] resides with his family at [redacted] NY.

CP AFFILIATIONS

An informant reported that in order to be an employee of the IWO [redacted] the IWO from 1937 on, one must have been a member of the CP.

In 1944, it was reported that [redacted] was a member of the Thomas Jefferson Club of [redacted] according to the records of the [redacted] of the CP. In 1941, [redacted] the IWO and [redacted] and as [redacted] IWO [redacted]

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In 1944, [redacted] the IWO [redacted] and in 1945, [redacted] Informants have reported that [redacted] has been in contact with top functionaries of the CP in NY. In recent years, [redacted] Nature Friends of America, Inc. which is an organization designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] in Nature Friends and [redacted] the national organization until the national organization was [redacted]

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NY [redacted]

disbanded at the national convention in December, 1953. Nature Friends has kept its local units, however, [redacted] of Nature Friends of America.

Informants have reported that during 1953, [redacted] attended numerous meetings of Nature Friends [redacted]

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The name of [redacted] is included in the Security Index.

[redacted] is being recommended for contact under the TOP-LEV Program in view of his past experience [redacted] in the IWO and [redacted] in Nature Friends of America. It is pointed out to the Bureau that this organization is under consideration by the Security Activities Control Board.

PLAN OF APPROACH

The Bureau is requested for authority to contact [redacted] in accordance with existing Bureau instructions relating to the TOP-LEV Program. If such authority is granted, it is planned that he will be approached on the street by two agents, after he has been surveilled, a secure distance from his residence or place of employment. It is contemplated that such an approach will be made during the week of 3/1/54, circumstances permitting.

SAC, Philadelphia [redacted]

February 23, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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[redacted] SAC.
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Reurlet January 25, 1954.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] [redacted] whenever feasible away from residence and place of business.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with Lopley subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA [redacted]

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ATTENTION: A. H. BELMONT, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND

[redacted] was born on [redacted] at Philadelphia, Pa., to [redacted]

Efforts to determine her education were negative since the Philadelphia Board of Education maintained no records in that name. She claims to have been educated in the Philadelphia Public School system; however, the degrees she has received, if any, are unknown.

She has resided at the following addresses:

[redacted]

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She has been employed at the following places:

[redacted]

She is a [redacted] Philadelphia.

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When this business was established, it was determined that [redacted] it is noted, is a long-time member of the Finance Commission, CP, USA, District of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware.

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MARITAL STATUS

[redacted]
[redacted] She was divorced by her husband on [redacted]
[redacted]

She married [redacted] joined the CP in the fall of [redacted]

He served with the Army in World War I, and again in World War II, serving from September 1943, until sometime in 1946. They were married before he went overseas in August 1945.

This marriage ended in divorce in [redacted] at which time her maiden name was restored to her.

There are no children as a result of either marriage.

PERSONALITY

On a couple of occasions, [redacted] has exhibited impatience with CP members because of their carelessness in repaying loans and in paying contributions which they have pledged.

Other sources say that she does not appear easily angered and apparently has a very even temperament.

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HOBBIES

[redacted] in her spare time. Otherwise, she appears to spend all her time conducting her [redacted]
[redacted]

PH - [redacted]

COMMUNIST PARTY HISTORY

[redacted] joined the CP in about 1939.

In 1944, she was a [redacted] CPA, and appeared at meetings of the [redacted]. She also [redacted]. She was successful in [redacted] having received a [redacted] for this [redacted]. b7D

In 1945, she was a member of the [redacted]. She was [redacted] Convention having attended this convention and [redacted] within the CP. She was also a member of [redacted].

In 1946 and 1947, she was a member of the [redacted] which club was the same as [redacted].

In 1947, she was also a member of the [redacted].

About 1944, the CP District officials began recognizing [redacted]. [redacted]. She continued in her job principally as a [redacted] and in 1947 was [redacted] CP, USA, [redacted]. b7D

In 1945 through 1951, she was extremely active in [redacted] principally in the capacity of [redacted]. Informants report that she was extremely successful in this duty.

During this period she was also active in various front groups; for example, the [redacted].

[redacted]

After 1951, her activities in the CP subsided concerning [redacted]. [redacted] however, she is believed to be a member of the [redacted] although no definite information has been developed concerning this. It is noted that open Communist Party activity by the professional groups in this area has declined noticeably in the past two years. b7D

FACTIONALISM

There are no known instances of factionalism on the part of the subject.

PH - [redacted]

FINANCES

In 1949, subject owned her home at [redacted] valued at

[redacted]

KNOWLEDGE OF THE UNDERGROUND

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In the summer of 1951, the leading District functionaries disappeared from this area. They did not stay at their homes nor did they visit with their families. ROBERT KLONSKY, Organizational Secretary, and BENJAMIN WEISS, District Treasurer, were identified as having stayed at

[redacted], and also one [redacted].

It is also apparent that as a member of the [redacted] for many years [redacted] should have extensive knowledge of those who contribute heavily to the CP in this area, and it is also possible that she, as a professional person, will have knowledge of the Professional Section of the District, and as indicated above, may have some knowledge of the activities of those Party members who are underground.

RESULTS OF CONTACT
RE THE HARBORING STATUTE

Subject has not been contacted regarding the missing CP functionaries.

ASSOCIATES

Through the years, [redacted] has been friendly with LAWRENCE and HARRIET FAHEY, REBA GLASS, and LEONARD LEVY. All the above are Party members.

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She has been working very closely with [redacted] [redacted] for a number of years, and has had contact with other District functionaries.

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She was friendly with GERTRUDE COHEN in the summer of 1953. GERTRUDE COHEN vacationed all summer at 411 Pacific Avenue, Atlantic City, N.J., which residence was being used at that time as a hideout for JOSEPH ROBERTS and IRVIN KATZ, two Smith Act subjects.

The subject has no non-Party friends other than her business associates.

CRIMINAL RECORD

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Subject has no known criminal record.

APPROACH

Spot checks have indicated that [] leaves her home at [] about 9:00 a.m. and walks to []. It is anticipated that she will be approached by Toplev Agents during this time.

She will be apprised of the Bureau's jurisdiction regarding matters of national security and the FBI's responsibilities in this field will be explained to her.

She will be reminded of her activities in the CP over the years and it will be pointed out to her that since 1945, the general public in the United States is becoming increasingly aware of the Communist menace to the Democratic form of government as we know it. It will be pointed out to her that her continued activities are, as a matter of course, detrimental both to herself and to the Government of the United States, and as such, will be of continuing interest to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

It will be pointed out to her that these activities, if ever brought to light, as they may well be in the coming Smith Act trials, will hurt not only herself and her business that she has built up over a period of years, but will also be harmful to anyone who has come in contact with her. It will be pointed out to her that [] has spent his life-time building up a very good reputation in [], and that if his connection with her is ever brought out, it may well do him inestimable harm. She will be asked to consider the



DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) (100-267995)

February 19, 1954

SAC, LOS ANGELES [redacted] (100-2204)

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Rebulet January 11, 1954.

SURVEILLANCES

Surveillances indicated that the subject resides at 735 North Hazel Street in South San Gabriel, California and that she is employed as a clerk by the Tyre Brothers Glass and Paint Company, 3008 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, California. Her daily routine is to leave her residence at approximately 8:00 A.M. and to proceed directly to her place of employment where she departs at 5:00 P.M. It was deemed advisable to approach the subject in the vicinity of her place of employment.

CONTACT

On February 19, 1954, SA's EDWARD H. MACKENZIE and VINCENT W. HUGHES placed subject's place of business under surveillance. Subject was observed in the immediate vicinity shortly thereafter and she was approached by Agents.

Agents identified themselves and after a few words of pleasantries, advised Mrs. BISSEY of the Bureau's jurisdiction and interest in the Internal Security field. Subject made no effort at the outset to break off this interview, so the Agents continued their general line of conversation concerning past Bureau investigations and their current interest in Communist activities, setting forth the reasons why the Attorney General had designated this organization as subversive. Agents eventually advised Mrs. BISSEY that they were aware of her Communist background and in calling upon her, thought that she might come to recognize Communism as a menace to our way of life in America and that if this came to pass, that she was in an excellent position to be of great service to her country. After approximately fifteen minutes of talking by the Agents, Mrs. BISSEY began to show signs of impatience and asked if that was all.

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Agents indicated that they were going to make no effort to detain her, but they were hopeful of explaining some of the fallacies of Communism to her and for a few more moments did carry on such a discussion. However, Mrs. BISSEY began to repeat the theme that she had nothing to say to Agents and began to walk away. At this time, Agents thanked her for her attention and asked if she had any objection to their sending her literature, to which she replied, "You know my address and I receive all kinds of mail there." She indicated no interest in wishing to receive this literature. After approximately twenty minutes, the interview was terminated as a result of the subject's actions.

EVALUATION

The subject is a middle-aged woman. She was well dressed and neat in appearance on the occasion of this interview. Her initial reaction to Agents' approach was delight but she at no time made any comments throughout this interview except towards the end when she indicated a desire to terminate the interview.

The subject gave no indication that she might be amenable to carrying on further conversations with Agents. Because of her general attitude, efforts to develop this subject under the Toplev Program are being considered closed.

SAC, New York [redacted]

February 19, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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Reurlet dated February 12, 1954.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible away from residence and place of employment.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with Toplev subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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Director, FBI (100-3-99)
ATT: Assistant Director A.H. BELMONT
SAC, New York [redacted]

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[redacted] has been selected as a person to be
approached under the Toplev Program.

BACKGROUND

Birth Data

[redacted] was born [redacted]
[redacted] the son of [redacted]

Marital Status

[redacted] is married and lives with his wife and [redacted]
[redacted] NYC.

Race and Citizenship

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[redacted] is white, and a native born U.S. citizen.

Employment

[redacted] working out of his
residence.

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

An informant, of known reliability, has advised on
numerous occasions between June 1945 and May 1953 that the
subject has been a member of the Communist Party (CP), and
has been active in NYC during that period. The same informant,
as well as another informant, also of known reliability, have
reported that [redacted] in NYC.

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In 1949 [redacted] a CPNP for BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., then a candidate for City Councilman, 21st District, Manhattan, NY.

[redacted] admitted to an informant of known reliability in 1946 that he had been active in [redacted] "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper. The [redacted] issue of the "Daily Worker", columns 2, 3 and 4, carried a letter to the editor from [redacted] in which he stated that [redacted]

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The [redacted] issue of the "Daily Worker", page two, contained an article by [redacted] entitled,

On [redacted] submitted a letter to the editor of the "Daily Worker" [redacted]

[redacted] subscribed to the "USSR Information Bulletin", published by the Soviet Embassy between 1947 and 1951.

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The records of the Board of Elections, Borough of Manhattan, reflected that [redacted] registered as a member of the ALP in 1951 and 1952.

"Pueblos Hispanos", a weekly Spanish language tabloid newspaper published in NYC, from February 1943 to October 1944, was supported and financed by the CP and the Communist Political Association and closely followed the CP line. An article which appeared on page two of the [redacted] edition of "Pueblos Hispanos" stated that [redacted]

[redacted] The informant has advised that in April 1944 [redacted]

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NY [redacted]

An informant has stated that [redacted] [redacted] the Cervantes Fraternal Society (the Spanish section of the International Workers Order (IWO) to the Peoples Radio Foundation, Incorporated as [redacted] [redacted] in that organization.

An informant has also reported that in April 1949 [redacted] had requested some "progressive films" from the Film Division of the IWO.

According to a reliable informant, [redacted] in 1945-1947 was very active in affairs of [redacted] in NYC. b7D

In 1947 an informant advised that [redacted] was closely associated with the [redacted] in NYC. Informant stated that [redacted] was helped financially by the CP and supported and defended the CP line. The informant reported in 1948 that [redacted]

A reliable informant has advised that [redacted] was very busy in December 1951 in [redacted] for the CP and [redacted] boasted to the informant that he had [redacted] the CP.

The name of [redacted] is included in the Security Index. Because of the foregoing CP associations and affiliations, [redacted] has been selected as a person to be approached under the Toplev Program. b7D

It is to be noted that [redacted] is the subject of a current Foreign Agents Registration Act case in the NYO, as [redacted] is alleged to have been active in [redacted]

PLAN OF APPROACH

Bureau authority is requested to contact [redacted] in accordance with existing Bureau instructions

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NY [redacted]

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relating to the Toplev Program.

If such authority is granted, it is planned that [redacted] will be approached on the street by two agents after he has been surveilled to a discreet distance from his residence. Such an approach will be made during the week of 2/22/54, circumstances permitting.

Director, FBI (100-3-99)
ATT: Assistant Director A. H. BELMONT
SAC, New York (100-7047)

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ISRAEL BAER, was
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Rebulet, 11/20/53, granting authority to approach BAER under the Toplev program.

Spot checks and surveillances of considerable duration have been conducted at the subject's residence, 1717 Voorhies Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, as well as at the Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Sixth Avenue, New York City (where the subject conducts one class) but on no occasion has the subject been observed.

An informant of known reliability, has advised that although BAER has retired because of age from his position as President of the "Morning Freiheit", he still frequents the offices of this newspaper, but surveillances at the "Morning Freiheit" offices have also met with negative results. A pretext phone call to the apartment where the subject lives with his daughter reflects that he still resides there.

However, since a great deal of time and investigative effort has been expended in this case and BAER has not been observed, it is felt that no further attempts should be made to contact BAER under the Toplev program at this time.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

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RE CP USA TOPLEV IS-C; [REDACTED] IS-C. REBULET JANUARY 8 LAST. SUBJECT

INTERVIEWED 1:38 TO 1:55 PM, FEB. 19 BY LONE AGENT WITH ASSISTING TOPLEV AGENT STANDING BY. INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE ON STREET IN VICINITY OF SUBJECT'S PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT. SUBJECT PROFESSED LOYALTY TO THIS COUNTRY BUT DECLARED HAD NOTHING TO DISCUSS AND COULD NOT BECOME "STOOL PIGEON". CONTACT COVERED BY SA'S WITH TELEPHOTO CAMERA. SUBJECT'S ATTITUDE NOT PERSONALLY ANTAGONISTIC AND DID NOT ATTACK FBI AS ORGANIZATION. TELEPHONIC RECONTACT PLANNED. LETTER AMSD FOLLOWS.

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ATT: Assistant Director A. W. BELMONT
SAC, New York (100-54190)

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Rebulet, 12/9/53, granting authority to approach BLACK under the Toplev program.

On 2/11/54, surveillance of the subject's residence, 376 Madison Street, New York City, was instituted by SAs [redacted] and ALFRED B. NOVAK. At 9:15 a.m., the subject was observed leaving his apartment building and after surveilling him to a discreet distance, the agents approached BLACK, who readily acknowledged his identity.

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The agents explained to BLACK that they wanted to have a talk with him on a confidential basis. As the agents produced their credentials, BLACK backed away and said, "FBI? I don't have anything to say to you." As BLACK said this, he moved away from the agents.

The agents attempted to engage BLACK in further conversation. At this point, BLACK stopped and said, "I have absolutely nothing to say to you unless you show me a warrant or subpoena."

In view of BLACK'S obvious adherence to the Communist Party directives as to the policy to be followed when approached by the FBI, no further attempt will be made to contact BLACK under the Toplev program at this time.

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1 - [redacted] (Toplev)

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Reurlet dated February 10, 1954.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible away from residence and place of employment.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with Lopley subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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Director, FBI (100-3-99)
(Att: Asst. Dir. A. H. BELMONT)
SAC, New York [redacted]

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[redacted] has been selected for an approach
under the Toplev Program.

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Birth and Residence

[redacted] and resides at [redacted]
[redacted] NY, with her mother.

Employment

According to informants, subject [redacted] is employed,
place unknown.

Labor Youth League Activities

According to [redacted]
[redacted] the Labor Youth League (LYL).

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An informant reported that the subject attended an
[redacted] Labor Youth Club meeting on [redacted]. This informant
described the subject as [redacted]. The
same informant reported that at a meeting of the [redacted]
LYL Club in [redacted] indicated that she was going
to spend her vacation at Camp Unity, along with other club members.

It is to be noted that Camp Unity is a Communist camp.

The subject took a course at the Jefferson School of
Social Science during the fall of 1952, which course was entitled
"The Woman Question." In connection with her LYL activities the
subject attended an ALP rally held in Madison Square Garden on
10/27/52.

[redacted] was one of a number of persons from the LYL
in NY who went to Washington, D. C., on 6/16/53 to protest the
execution of the ROSENBERGS.

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Letter to Director

NY [redacted]

The subject attended the "New York Peoples Conference for Peace" on 7/2/53 at Yugoslav Hall, NYC, at which meeting other members of the LYL were present.

In August, 1953, [redacted] confided to an informant that she expected to leave NY in the near future to go to a [redacted] to assist in the infiltration [redacted]. According to this informant, the subject appeared pleased at the prospect of this assignment.

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In August, 1953, the subject [redacted] a meeting of the [redacted] LYL.

[redacted] is a member of the [redacted]

[redacted] is a subscriber to the "Daily Worker."

Since 1951 [redacted] has attended meetings regularly of the LYL in [redacted] NY, which meetings are usually on a weekly basis. On some of these occasions the meetings have been on [redacted] and meetings have been held [redacted]. She has been described recently as a [redacted] of the LYL in [redacted]

It appears that the subject's mother is also interested in or active in CP activities. On one occasion her mother, Mrs. [redacted] was reported to have been a member of a CP cell in [redacted]

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According to [redacted] is one of [redacted] the LYL in [redacted]. As such, she participates in the [redacted]

Approach

In view of the fact that [redacted] is apparently [redacted] area of the LYL, it is believed that if she were to cooperate she would be an excellent informant in LYL matters.

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NY [redacted]

[redacted] Authority is therefore requested to interview [redacted] under the Toplev Program. If authority is granted to interview her, she will be approached away from her residence and employment by two agents assigned to the Toplev Program. It is anticipated that this contact will be made during the week of 3/1/54.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: March 8, 1954

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FROM : SAC, Chicago

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Re Chicago letter 2/26/54.

On March 3, 1954, CG 5940-S*, of known reliability, advised that LILLIAN PETERSON is presently confined to the Manor Hospital, Chicago, after suffering a series of heart attacks. Further, it is anticipated that she will be confined to the hospital for six weeks.

For the above reason, PETERSON's name is being deleted from Toplev consideration by the Chicago Division.

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Reurlet dated February 17, 1954, concerning the above-named individual, for whom you requested authority to interview under the Toplev Program.

It is noted that no current information has been received concerning subject's Communist activities, and you requested authority to contact him under this program based upon his past position of importance in the [redacted] Branch of the Communist Party and the fact that he may be currently engaged in underground activities on behalf of the Party.

Since [redacted] is not a high-level Communist at the present time, nor is he actively engaged in underground activities as far as you know, authority is not granted to approach him under the Toplev Program.

In view of his background, however, there is no objection to your conducting an interview with him under the Security Informant Program, and authority to contact him in that regard is granted. This interview should be conducted away from residence and place of employment under secure conditions.

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Director, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: Asst. Dir. A. H. BELMONT

2/17/54

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The above-named individual, who has been active in the leadership of the [redacted] Branch of the CP, is being considered for interview under the Toplev Program.

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The following is known concerning his background and Communist activities:

Background

[redacted] was born [redacted] NY. His parents, [redacted] were both [redacted]

Subject served in the US Army, [redacted] He attended [redacted] for a period of 3 years and resided with his parents until his marriage in [redacted] At the present time he resides with his wife at [redacted] NY. He is employed as a [redacted]

NY.

His wife is a [redacted]

Communist Activities

During the years 1945 through 1949, former [redacted] frequently attended meetings of [redacted] nature where the informant observed the subject on each occasion. On 9/26/46, informant attended [redacted] meeting at which subject was [redacted] the CP.

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On 3/11/47, former [redacted] reported that the [redacted] the CP held a meeting at [redacted] at which meeting subject was present.

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NY [redacted]

By report dated 4/13/48, the above-mentioned informant noted that subject, who had been doing [redacted] for a considerable period of time, had been proposed as [redacted] but that since he was attending classes both at college and the Jefferson School, he did not feel he could accept the assignment.

By report dated 6/26/48, former [redacted] advised that the subject was [redacted]

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On 8/4/48, the informant advised that subject had agreed to make a trip to Washington, D. C., in order to protest the arrest of the CP leaders.

On 12/30/48, the informant reported that the [redacted] had been reorganized and as a result of the reorganization, subject [redacted]

On 1/30/49, subject reportedly [redacted] at the "Freedom Crusade" of the CP held in Washington, D.C. During 1949 the informant reported further with reference to CP meetings held in [redacted]

Although current information has not been received concerning subject's Communist activities, based on his past [redacted] of the CP it is entirely possible that he is currently engaged in underground activities on behalf of the CP, or possibly being used in some other confidential capacity by the CP.

Approach

If Bureau authority is received for an interview of subject, it is contemplated that the interview will take place on the street when he is alone and a secure distance from his residence and place of employment. A Bureau car will be kept available nearby so that the interview may be continued in

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privacy should the subject indicate a willingness to be cooperative.

Bureau authority is requested for an interview of subject to take place during the week of 3/1/54, circumstances permitting.

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[redacted] was.
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Reurlet dated February 18, 1954.

Authority is granted to interview [redacted] whenever feasible away from residence and place of employment.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with Toplev subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting this interview.

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Attention: Assistant Director A. H. BELMONT

I. BACKGROUND

A. General

[Redacted] was born [Redacted] Texas.
His father, [Redacted]
[Redacted] while a member of the United States Army during World War I.
Subject's mother, [Redacted] Texas to [Redacted]
Texas where it is believed she currently resides, and is reported to be the
recipient of a Veteran's pension.

Dr. DAVIS, Texas State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Austin, Texas,
advised in 1943 that the birth of [Redacted] was not recorded in his
files, but he pointed out that complete vital statistics were not maintained
in Texas prior to 1912. Investigation in the vicinity of [Redacted] Texas
appeared to verify Subject's birth in that area at approximately the date
mentioned above.

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Around 1920 Subject [Redacted] Texas to live with [Redacted]
[Redacted] where he completed his education in that city and spent the greater
part of his life there with the exception of [Redacted]
[Redacted] around 1940.

Subject is single and is not known to have been married. Subject
is not known to have any brothers or sisters, but according to a Detroit
PSI, he is believed to have [Redacted] (last name unknown), residing
in the Detroit area.

Subject's social security number is [Redacted]

B. Residence and Employment

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According to Subject's Selective Service file, he was an [Redacted]



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[redacted] etc. The location of these employments is not definitely known, but one source believes it to be around Kansas City, Missouri.

The first known address of Subject in Detroit was during 1943 at [redacted]

In 1943 Subject was employed as [redacted] UOPWA-CIO. As of March, 1944, he resided at [redacted] and was employed as the [redacted]

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Later on in 1944 he was employed as [redacted] the Communist Political Association, [redacted] and, also at this time was [redacted]

In 1945 Subject was residing in [redacted]

According to DE-203-S*, as of January, 1946, Subject was unemployed but was receiving unemployment compensation.

By April, 1946 Subject was employed by [redacted] and became a member of [redacted]

[redacted] CARL WINTER who was State Chairman of the Michigan CP. In February, 1947 [redacted] and as of October, 1947 he [redacted]

In 1950 Subject resided at [redacted] He continued to be employed by [redacted]

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Around March, 1951 Subject was in [redacted] for approximately two weeks after which time he moved in with [redacted] (both active CP members), [redacted] and was doing full time CP work.

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As of November, 1952 Subject was [redacted]
[redacted] Negro Labor Council, and as of January, 1958 was [redacted]
[redacted] National Negro Labor Council, from which
position he [redacted]

Subject is currently residing at [redacted]
and is employed [redacted]

C. Education

Subject entered the [redacted]

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He was considered no better than an average student by advisers
and professors who could not recall radical or Communistic tendencies
or activities on Subject's part.

D. Military Service

Subject registered with local board in Detroit October, 1940, and
gave as his address, [redacted]

[redacted] No
military service is known for Subject.

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E. Identification Record

FBI number [redacted] is believed to be identi-
cal with Subject and reflects the following two entries apparently
concerning the same offense. One set of fingerprints from the Sheriff's
Office, Fort Worth, Texas, on [redacted] received
[redacted] and the disposition is noted
as pending. The other fingerprint card was from the Police Department,
Fort Worth, Texas, their number [redacted] with a
charge of investigation and noted as released [redacted].

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Subject was [redacted]

[redacted] which was the headquarters of the [redacted]
[redacted] He was taken before the Liquor Control Commission where he was forced to buy a permit for \$38.34.

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B. Health

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II. ACTIVITIES OR RENAISSANCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

The following CP and CP front activities are of course not all inclusive but are set forth to show some of the more important activity on Subject's part and to be used as a possible guide in the initial and anticipated future interviews.

A. Communist Party

[redacted] reported that at [redacted] of the [redacted]
[redacted] which centered around the Southern Land barons, the KKK, and the Northern imperialists. [redacted] that because of the science of Marxism, the Communists were able to determine what would occur following any given event. He said if the Communists were unable to gain control by peaceful methods, it would be necessary to use force of arms; that the Communists would be able to determine when the time was ripe but the time was not now; that it might come in a year or it might be many years in the future.

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Subject had 1948 CP membership card, number [redacted] and this card stated Subject had been in the CP for seven years.

DL-140-S* stated [redacted]

[redacted] at CP Headquarters on March 4, 1947.

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[redacted] stated Subject attended a meeting on March 9, 1947 held for [redacted] of various CP clubs in Detroit.

[redacted] stated on March 20, 1947 Subject attended a meeting of approximately sixty executive members of the East Side groups of the CP.

[redacted] stated Subject attended a functionaries meeting of the Michigan CP held May 28, 1947 at which HENRY WINSTON was the main speaker.

DE-245-S stated Subject attended a meeting of the State Board of the Michigan CP on June 16, 1947.

[redacted] stated Subject attended a State Committee meeting of the CP held December 13 and 14, 1947.

[redacted] stated Subject attended a meeting of the Lower East Side Section [redacted] At this meeting [redacted]

[redacted] stated Subject attended a meeting of the [redacted]

[redacted] stated Subject attended a meeting of the [redacted] of the [redacted] of the CP on [redacted] Subject [redacted] on the CP activities in connection with the LEON MOSKLEY shooting.

[redacted] stated Subject attended a [redacted] meeting [redacted] which was considered secret and was composed of the [redacted] persons in the Michigan CP.

[redacted] stated Subject was present at the afternoon session of the State CP Conference, April 23, 1950.

During Subject's residence in Detroit he has attended numerous social functions, gatherings, and general meetings sponsored by the CP and on many occasions has taken a leading part in the discussions and is, in general, considered to be [redacted]

At a Negro Conference sponsored by [redacted] Subject took an active part and pointed out that the CP should struggle

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for the following local issues: (1) Courville Issue (segregation)
(2) Police brutality (3) restaurant discrimination (4) job discrimination.

[redacted] stated Subject was [redacted] the
State Committee meeting held September 25, 1949.

[redacted] stated Subject was [redacted] a
Labor Convention of the CP to be held in New York in December, 1950.

[redacted] stated on March 20, 1961 that Subject was [redacted]
[redacted] a new commission set up by [redacted]

[redacted] stated that at a meeting of the [redacted]
[redacted] stated that the ultimate goal
of the CP was socialism and to gain this we must have the struggle of the
working people toward a better social understanding.

[redacted] stated Subject attended a meeting of the [redacted]
[redacted] At this meeting Subject remarked
that because of American wealth other capitalistic countries were still
holding up. He stated further that if it were not for American capitalism,
America would be destroyed much quicker. He stated "we must continue to
teach the people that the CP is the only Party for them."

[redacted] stated [redacted]
conference of [redacted] The main emphasis was on the
Negro question, and he stated that the main Party goal is to head America
for socialism with no more playing around with social, democratic, or liberal
capitalistic politics.

[redacted] stated on April 17, 1948 that Subject, in outlining the
basic functions of the CP to an unknown individual, stated the CP is
basically socialism and that the CP aids the working class in its struggle
against capitalism and looks toward the Soviet Union as an example of
socialism that works.

In the [redacted]
[redacted] concerning gradualism as a solution
to "Jim Crowism." The Subject disagreed with gradualism as a solution
and stated "The Negro masses of America will record whatever advances
they make in the future on the basis of united struggles with all progressives
for the full and complete destruction of the "Jim Crow" system now in
existence."

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B. Front Groups

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[redacted] stated Subject attended the National Labor Conference for Peace at Chicago, Illinois, on October 1 and 2, 1949. Informant stated that this conference was the beginning of the concentrated drive by the left wing element in labor to oppose the cold war policy of the present administration and to propagandize support for peaceful relations with Russia.

DE-140-S* stated Subject attended a [redacted] meeting on [redacted] concerning the formation of the Negro Labor Council.

Subject has, during his CP activity in Detroit, attended numerous CP front functions sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress and other groups.

In August, 1952 Subject attended the National Convention of the NNLC in Cleveland, Ohio. Subject was at this time [redacted] and during this period was constantly active on behalf of the programs of the NNLC.

As of November 12, 1952 Subject was [redacted] Negro Labor Council; however, it will be noted that prior to this time he had been employed on a full time basis by the NNLC, but around [redacted] of the NNLC but continued to [redacted] and be active in this group.

[redacted] advised on June 29, 1953 that Subject is no longer [redacted] Detroit NNLC because of his non-productivity.

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[redacted] advised Subject attended a meeting of the NNLC at the Carlton Plaza Hotel, Detroit. This meeting was in the nature of a conference attended by representatives of other districts.

[redacted] has reported that to this date Subject continues membership and some activity in the NNLC and is a fairly frequent visitor at NNLC Headquarters in Detroit.

C. Schools

[redacted] stated Subject attended a class of the Cadre School of the CP on [redacted] The purpose of this school was to train

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members of all groups of the Party to become leaders within their respective groups.

This informant also stated that Subject had attended other sessions

[redacted] on [redacted].

DE-243-S stated Subject [redacted] of the CP on [redacted] at which time JAMES E. JACKSON was the instructor.

[redacted] stated Subject was in attendance at the Negro leadership class of [redacted].

DE-243-S stated Subject attended a CP class on [redacted] which served as an introduction to Marxism. The instructor at this class was HY GORDON, member of the National Educational Committee.

[redacted] stated Subject attended a session of the Negro Leadership School on May 17, 1947.

DE-243-S stated that on May 19, 1947 Subject attended another class taught by HY GORDON.

[redacted] stated Subject attended the graduation and social exercises of the Negro Leadership School held [redacted].

[redacted] stated Subject attended an advanced class sponsored by the CP on [redacted]. The Subject stated in a discussion period that Wall Street in its drive to control labor is attempting to suppress progressive elements of labor which had previously suffered defeat at the UAW Convention.

[redacted] stated Subject attended the initial meeting of the CP relative to the Marxist School held [redacted]. The purpose of this school was to create leaders in the Party. Informant stated this school became the Michigan School of Social Science.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] the Michigan School of Social Science.

[redacted] stated Subject attended a Negro History Class sponsored by the Labor Youth League on [redacted].

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III. POSSIBLE PRESSURE POINTS

A. Finances

DE-140-S* stated on March 28, 1950 that [redacted]
[redacted] had worked out a proposition with Subject in relation

DE-395-S* stated on August 30, 1952 that Subject indicated he

DE-384-S* stated on September 4, 1952 that DAVE MOORE was requested
by COLLINS YOUNG to [redacted]

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DE-584-S* stated on January 7, 1953 that Subject indicated he
had had a very difficult time getting the January rent together and that he
had finally straightened out his December rent.

DE-384-S* stated on March 9, 1953 that Subject was a hundred
dollars behind in rent for the period covering February to March, 1953.

B. Evidence of Dissatisfaction with CP

[redacted] stated that at [redacted]
[redacted] was vehement about the fact
that the Club was not actually accomplishing anything and that the Executive

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Committee itself was a failure. Over this point [redacted]
[redacted]

DE-140-S* stated on April 30, 1947 that in a conversation CARL WINTER, District 7 chairman, stated that something had to be done about a letter written by a member of [redacted] WINTER said [redacted]
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DE-140-S* stated on November 18, 1949 that TOMMY DENNIS suggested to Subject that Subject [redacted]
[redacted]

DE-137-S* stated on November 23, 1949 that Subject made the statement to TOMMY DENNIS, "Capitalism is good to me."

DE-257-S* stated on May 19, 1950 that in a conversation between [redacted]
[redacted]

DE-140-S* stated on July 19, 1950 that due to the problem of white chauvinism in [redacted] which issue has been raised frequently, it has apparently affected the work of Subject to the extent that Subject is uncooperative and listless.

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[redacted] stated that at a meeting of [redacted] of the NNLC on April 29, 1950 Subject was asked when and where a general meeting of the NNLC would be held. Subject [redacted]
[redacted]

According to Informant, [redacted] active member of [redacted] has a low opinion of Subject when she described as a "Dodo", and [redacted] expressed pessimism concerning NNLC, stating that an organization cannot be built around a known Communist and a suspected Communist, referring to Subject and COLEMAN YOUNG respectively.

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[redacted] stated that around August, 1953 LEON JOSEPHSON, National CP functionary, visited Detroit in order to straighten out Party disorganization and that JOSEPHSON, after reviewing the situation in the NWLC, stated Subject [redacted] and that the possibility existed Subject [redacted]

[redacted] stated on September 8, 1953 that Subject is losing favor in [redacted]

This informant stated that Subject [redacted] to oust TOMMY DENNIS from Party leadership because Subject and the others felt DENNIS was dumb, stupid, and childish in his activities and was discrediting Party organizations.

[redacted] PSI, advised in February, 1953 that she considered [redacted] to be one of those who are in the CP at the present time but who would like to get out but were in too deep to make the break.

[redacted] stated on June 10, 1953 that Subject had complained that [redacted] appeared to be drifting and that there was a lack of direction and [redacted] was reported to have said "no one knows what is going on."

[redacted] stated on October 24, 1953 that COLEMAN YOUNG was of the opinion that Subject ought to be expelled. Informant stated that recently Subject has been absenteeing himself from everything and felt that there was a change coming over Subject, which while hard to explain, could possibly mean that Subject had decided to break away from the CP.

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IV. PERSONAL

Mrs. [redacted] advised in 1943 that she considered Subject to be quiet and unobtrusive and was aware of no radical or Communistic tendencies on Subject's part, neither did he seem concerned about the subject of racial equality. She stated Subject did not engage much in extra curricular activities because he was always working when not studying.

DE-140-S² stated on July 19, 1950 that Subject and CARL WINTLER, [redacted] chairman, discussed Subject's current attitude toward work, and both appeared to agree that there was a falling off of Subject's work; and Subject stated that in the past he did visit the CP Headquarters at least several times a week and if he didn't, he felt something was missing in his life but that no longer seemed to be true.

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According to Informant, WINNER was of the impression that [redacted] was dissatisfied with things and that there was a certain vagueness about Subject which amounted to a failure to come to grips with things and that [redacted] in WINNER's opinion, was not fighting but rather drifting or coasting.

Information available reflects that Subject is apparently [redacted]

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V. PREVIOUS INTERVIEW

On August 1, 1961 SA's E. MILTON DAVIS and CLIFFORD W. WICKMAN contacted Subject at [redacted]. This was a harboring contact and photographs of the eight CP fugitives were extended to [redacted] but he refused to take them, laughingly stating that he knew the purpose of the Agents' contact. [redacted] was advised that warrants were outstanding for each of the fugitives and that there were Federal statutes which provided severe penalties for persons who harbor or conceal Federal fugitives. [redacted] again laughed stating that he knew about the statutes.

Throughout the entire interview [redacted] was either laughing or smiling smugly.

When asked if he knew where any of the fugitives were currently located, he laughed and mumbled incoherently.

When asked if he would notify this Office in the event he learns of the whereabouts of any of the fugitives, [redacted] again laughed, mumbled something which sounded like "go away", and closed the apartment door.

VI. APPROACH

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Information available reflects Subject finishes his work prior to 4:30 in the afternoon and usually eats immediately after work at a tavern cafe located on [redacted]. He generally visits [redacted] for a brief time and then goes to [redacted] where

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he is currently courting an attractive Negro clerk. Around 10:00 or 11:00
[REDACTED] walking towards his residence which is on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

It is expected that future surveillances will reveal Subject's habits and itinerary in greater detail and that when a secure approach can be made in a location away from his place of employment and away from his residence, such an approach will be made.

The initial approach will be made by a single Agent in a friendly manner and Subject will be engaged in general conversation. If Subject proves agreeable or can be persuaded to continue discussions, he will be invited to a Bureau car which will be nearby or to any suitable place for interview.

Bureau permission is requested to contact Subject under the Toplev Program as outlined above.

SAC, New York [redacted]

February 25, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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[redacted] was.
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Reurlet dated February 19, 1954.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible away from residence and place of employment.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with Toplev subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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[redacted] has been selected for an approach under
the TOPLEV program.

Birth and Marital Status

Subject was born [redacted] NY, of [redacted]
[redacted] who was
born in [redacted] whose father was born in
[redacted] and whose mother was born in [redacted]

Residence

Subject resides at [redacted]
[redacted] NY.

Education

Subject graduated from [redacted]
He attended the [redacted]
[redacted]

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Military Service

Subject was inducted into the US Army on [redacted] and
was discharged as a [redacted]

CP, AYD, and LYL Activities

In 1941 subject was listed as [redacted]
[redacted] of the AYD. In 1941 he was [redacted]
CPNPs in NYC.

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NY [redacted]

In the [redacted] issue of "Weekly Review",
subject was listed as [redacted]
[redacted], YCL. In 1946, subject [redacted]
[redacted] sponsored by the United Negro and Allied
Veterans in Brooklyn, NY.

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In January, 1946, he attended the AYD National
Council meeting held in Philadelphia, Pa.

In 1946 subject was mentioned in the "Daily Worker"
as [redacted] AYD in [redacted]

In June, 1946, subject attended the National Convention
meeting of the AYD in NYC, at which time [redacted]
the Convention.

The Brooklyn EAGLE, on page 1 of the [redacted]
edition, has an article entitled [redacted]
[redacted]. The article states that [redacted]
[redacted] AYD, said in a statement
to the Brooklyn EAGLE that Communists [redacted]

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[redacted] Activities

Letter to Director
NY [redacted]

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"The Worker" of [redacted] set forth an article stating
that [redacted]

In August, 1950, subject, [redacted]

[redacted]

NY Activities Continued

In January, 1951, subject [redacted]

[redacted]
of the LYL.

During 1951, he returned to [redacted] several times
and visited CP headquarters in [redacted].

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In March, 1952, subject [redacted]
at an LYL meeting in [redacted] where he was reported
to have stated in referring to the Korean War that "The big
American bully is getting his pants beat". He stated further
that Russia, China, and Albania were lands of peace. He
stated that the form of Government existing in Washington,
D.C. is a "dying system".

As [redacted] the LYL he participated
as [redacted] in the National LYL Conference held
in Chicago, May, 1952.

In October, 1952, subject [redacted]

[redacted] in the first of a series of broadcasts

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NY [redacted]

conducted under the auspices of the NY State Communist
Election Campaign.

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Subject was one of those attending the LYL Conference
in NYC on November 14 and 15, 1953. Subject [redacted]
[redacted] the National Program of the LYL.

Approach

In view of the above, it is believed that subject
would be an excellent informant if he were to cooperate with
the FBI. Authority is therefore requested to interview
subject under the TOPLEV Program. If authority is granted
to interview subject he will be interviewed by two Agents
assigned to the TOPLEV Program at a secure distance from
his residence and employment. It is anticipated that this
interview will take place during the week of March 15, 1954.

Director, FBI (100-3-99)(100-21)
Attn: Asst. Dir. A.H. BELMONT
SAC, New York (100-9303)

2/25/54

CP, USA (TOPLEV)
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DAVID MATIS, was
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Rebulet, 12/28/53, granting authority to recontact
MATIS.

On 2/16/54, a physical surveillance was instituted in the vicinity of subject's residence, 330 West 15 St., by SAs EDWARD W. BUCKLEY and [redacted] At approximately 8:50 A.M. MATIS was observed to leave his residence along and proceed by foot towards his employment. When MATIS was approximately two blocks away from his residence he was approached on the street by the agents.

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MATIS immediately recognized the Agents from past contacts with him. Agents greeted him cordially and called him by name. However, he immediately adopted a stiff and arrogant attitude and stated, "I don't want to talk to you". Agents explained to MATIS that they desired to continue their conversation with him of a year before, and they were taking this means to see if any questions had entered his mind or if any change had occurred in his thinking which they might discuss with him.

MATIS continued his hostile attitude and turned on his heel and walked away from the Agents. Agents continued with MATIS for a short distance explaining that they were not trying to embarrass him or force him to cooperate with the Government, but were taking this means to solicit his cooperation as an American citizen. They pointed out to MATIS that he could be of far greater service to his country and to his race if he would agree at this time to cooperate with the United States Government.

MATIS continued on his way and refused to listen to the Agents. When it became obvious that he would give the Agents

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no further time, the interview was terminated. It is believed that the contact was made with complete security, as nothing unusual was noted in the neighborhood.

Evaluation

Throughout the interview, which lasted approximately two minutes, MATIS was arrogant and hostile towards the Agents.

It is noted that in the prior four interviews with MATIS he had allowed the Agents considerable time to talk to him, and apparently MATIS has definitely made up his mind that he will give the Agents no further opportunity to talk to him.

In view of the above facts, no further contact with this individual is planned under the MATIS Program, unless information comes to this office's attention indicating a change of heart on the part of MATIS.

FBI DETROIT 2/25/54 PM EST

SAC NEW YORK

URGENT

CP USA, TOPLER, IS-C, CP USA DISTRICT SEVEN, CP DETROIT
DIVISION, IS-C. [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED]

AND [REDACTED] NEGRO FUNCTIONARIES FROM NEW YORK ARRIVED
DETROIT FEB. TWENTY ONE LAST. RESIDING AT HOME OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UNTIL FEB. TWENTY FOUR.

[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] PROGRESSIVE PARTY BEING REVISED AS
MAIN INSTRUMENT FOR CP TO WORK UNDER. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS CP
TROUBLE SHOOTER FOR THE COUNTRY. [REDACTED] STATED TO HAVE DECLARED
PLANNING ON RETURNING TO DETROIT TO CLEAN UP CP DISORGANIZATION.

[REDACTED] INDICATED VERY IMPORTANT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NEW YORK.

INDICATED THIS NIGHT BE FRIDAY, FEB. TWENTY SIX AS [REDACTED] ASKED

[REDACTED] IF SHE WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE IN NEW YORK ON THAT
DATE. FOR INFORMATION. BUREAU ADVISED.

MC INTIRE

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CC: [REDACTED]
CC: DIRECTOR FBI (100-3-99) (AIR MAIL REGISTERED)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)(100-398087)

February 24, 1954

SAC, SEATTLE (66-2135)(100-21991)

ATTENTION: ASST. DIRECTOR
A. H. BELMONT

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Rebulet 12/22/53 in which authority was granted to contact [Redacted] whenever feasible away from his residence and place of employment.

SURVEILLANCE AND INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES

On 2/15/54 SAS JOSEPH P. MACFARLAND and [Redacted] were in [Redacted] Washington. During the late afternoon hours of February 15 agents instituted a spot-check surveillance in the vicinity of subject's residence, [Redacted]. Agents noted no activity whatsoever about the vicinity of this residence until well after the hours of darkness at which time agents did note two elderly women entering the home from the alley entrance. The surveillance was discontinued after observing the above.

During the early morning hours of 2/16/54 agents again instituted a spot-check surveillance in the vicinity of [Redacted]. This surveillance was maintained until 10 AM at which time agents withdrew to the main downtown area of [Redacted] due to the fact that no activity whatsoever was noted. Agents then from the downtown area of [Redacted] placed a pretext telephone call to the phone number listed in the directory to [Redacted] namely [Redacted] and it was ascertained from the telephone operator that this number had been disconnected recently. Upon learning this agents were of the opinion that quite possibly subject [Redacted] had recently obtained work and probably had moved. Accordingly a pretext telephone call was made to the brother and sister-in-law of subject, namely Mr. and Mrs. [Redacted].

[Redacted] Agents were unable to obtain any response to several calls placed to this number. Agents then went to the [Redacted] and ascertained that no one was home at this residence.

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Agents then placed a pretext telephone call to the residence of one [Redacted] who in the past has furnished information on a confidential basis to SA [Redacted] who covers this particular territory out of the Seattle Office. It was ascertained from Mrs. [Redacted] that subject just recently left [Redacted] and to the best of her knowledge he was currently staying with one Mr. and Mrs. [Redacted] a rural route [Redacted].

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some 12 miles out of [REDACTED] According to Mrs. [REDACTED] quite recently had a telephone which could be called from [REDACTED] the number of which was [REDACTED]

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During the early afternoon on 2/16/54, agents placed a pretext telephone call to [REDACTED] and it was learned from Mrs. [REDACTED] left their residence early in the morning on 2/15/54 and was scheduled to return during the early evening hours, but according to Mrs. [REDACTED] did not return and neither she, her husband, nor her daughter had any knowledge as to the whereabouts of [REDACTED] Mrs. [REDACTED] at the time, however, advised that [REDACTED] had left their residence to go to [REDACTED] where he was in hopes of obtaining employment at some [REDACTED] company. Mrs. [REDACTED] did not know the name of this company but thought quite possibly that it might be the [REDACTED] which operates out of both [REDACTED] Upon learning this agents endeavored to contact the [REDACTED] but no information was developed relative to the subject being employed there. Accordingly agents on 2/16/54 instituted a spot-check surveillance in the vicinity of the [REDACTED] residence at the rural route in [REDACTED] and maintained same until well after the hours of darkness. Agents did not see this subject return on 2/16/54 to the [REDACTED] farm home.

On 2/17/54 agents instituted a spot-check surveillance at approximately 7:30 AM in the vicinity of the [REDACTED] residence from a suitable distance where agents observed all security precautions. From the vantage point where agents were stationed it was possible for them to observe the [REDACTED] home, the farm pasture and the farm buildings about the place. At approximately 11:30 AM agents noted an individual resembling [REDACTED] in the lower pasture of the farm working about the pile of wood and the tractor stationed near the barn. Upon closer observation agents were quite certain that this individual was subject [REDACTED] Inasmuch as no other individuals were noted about this immediate area, agents felt that it would be the most opportune time to approach the subject inasmuch as full security was assured.

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APPROACH

At 11:50 AM on 2/17/54 agents approached subject [REDACTED] who was working on a large stack of cord wood near the lower side of the barn at the [REDACTED] ranch. Agents courteously identified themselves to this subject and he in turn gave each agent a warm handshake. Agents then advised that they had a matter which they desired to discuss with him in confidence and he said "Who, me, what about?". Agents advised [REDACTED] that he was in an ideal position to be of some help to his government and that agents felt

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that he would want to help his government in a matter of confidence, and he replied "I have nothing to say". Agents then suggested to [REDACTED] that by reason of the fact that he had been identified with numerous organizations in the past he was in the possession of certain facts which would be of help to the government in determining the true situation with respect to the nature of the objectives and operations of these groups. [REDACTED] replied "I'm not a member of anything". Agents mentioned to [REDACTED] that he had been a member of the Labor Youth League and had attended as a delegate of said League the trial of the Smith Act subjects in the Los Angeles area. [REDACTED] replied that he had been a member of the LYL and that when he was in Los Angeles merely as a matter of curiosity he attended the trial of the Smith Act subjects in that city for one day. Agents inquired of [REDACTED] as to how he had come to go to Los Angeles and he stated that he just went. Agents suggested to [REDACTED] that he went to Los Angeles because he was sent there as a delegate to the trial by the LYL. [REDACTED] bristled in an angry manner at this remark and he stated "I have nothing to say". Agents assured [REDACTED] that he should have no fear in speaking truthfully and frankly to agents about his connections with various groups as he as a citizen owed his country the duty of cooperating with its officials to the end that government functions might properly be carried on. [REDACTED] stated "I have nothing to say". Agents then suggested to [REDACTED] that he very well must know something about the LYL and especially the identity of the person who recruited him into the said League, and he replied "I don't remember who had me join the League".

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Agents then inquired of [REDACTED] as to what the purposes of the League were and he was assured that agents knew very well what the objectives were but they were merely asking him this question in an effort to assure themselves that he was being truthful, sincere, and honest in his replies to agents. He stated "I don't remember". Agents then suggested to [REDACTED] that as a member of the LYL he was certain to know who the members of the LYL were and he was assured that agents possessed complete information as to the identity of the members of the League and were making inquiry from him along this line merely to establish his veracity. He again replied in a very hostile manner "I don't remember". Agents then suggested to [REDACTED] that he probably was somewhat excited by reason of agents approaching him at this time, and probably had not given the matter of the inquiry proper consideration, and agents suggested to him that he might desire to think the matter over and that agents would contact him at a later date. [REDACTED] replied that there was no use contacting him as he had nothing to say. At this point his long unkempt hair tossed in the breeze and he, in a very excited manner, pushed the hair back over his forehead and with a bristle of hostility in his eyes he moved away from agents.

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[REDACTED] immediately withdrew from the spot where agents were talking to him and proceeded in a very rapid walk to the barn where he began to start up a tractor. Agents tagged along after [REDACTED] and upon arriving at the doorway to the barn again asked him if he did not think that he owed it to himself and to his family to think the matter at hand over and he said "I'm not going to think anything over, get on and get out of here. I've got to get to work and want nothing more to do with you men." [REDACTED] then started up the tractor and hooked on to the rear of said tractor a wood sled and proceeded to drive off to a far pasture on the [REDACTED] place where he loaded cordwood on said wood sled.

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TIME OF INTERVIEW

The above-described interview with JACOBSON was had between 11:50 AM and 12:01 PM, at [REDACTED] Washington [REDACTED], 2/17/54.

EVALUATION

After conversing with [REDACTED] as described above it was quite apparent to agents that this individual wanted nothing whatsoever to do with the FBI, particularly in the line of cooperating and assisting the FBI in any manner. [REDACTED] while not being openly hostile, was very blunt and apparently wanted agents to understand that he did not want to cooperate in any manner whatsoever. Agents do not believe that further contacts with this individual are warranted at this time.

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Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: March 3, 1954

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SAC, Seattle (66-2135)

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SUBJECT: **COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
DEVELOPMENT OF TOP-LEVEL
SECURITY INFORMANTS (TOPLEV)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C**

Attention: Assistant
Director A. H. BELMONT

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Attention is directed to Bureau letter dated April 17, 1953 in which it was requested that a letter be submitted by the first of every month listing the names of the TOPLEV subjects being investigated preparatory to requesting authority to interview, names of the subjects on whom authority had been granted to interview, and the names of various individuals who are being considered for interview some time in the future.

The following data is being set forth by the Seattle Office relative to the status of the TOPLEV program in the Seattle Office as of this date.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Authorized</u>	<u>Sefile</u>	<u>Bufile</u>
[Redacted]	Feb. 15, 1954	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
[Redacted]	Feb. 17, 1954	[Redacted]	[Redacted]

INDIVIDUALS PREVIOUSLY APPROACHED
AUTHORITY RECEIVED TO RECONTACT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Authorized</u>	<u>Sefile</u>	<u>Bufile</u>
[Redacted]	Feb. 15, 1954	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
[Redacted]	Oct. 9, 1953	[Redacted]	[Redacted]

*Bureau letter dated Oct. 9, 1953, gave the Seattle Office authority to recontact this individual and mentioned that additional authority was not necessary each time this subject was recontacted.

[Redacted] is currently classified as a confidential source.

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*Concerning this individual, Bureau letter dated Feb. 17, 1954, advised additional authority is not needed to recontact [Redacted] in the future due to the fact that he has already indicated a desire to cooperate. He is currently classified as a PSI.

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INDIVIDUALS PREVIOUSLY APPROACHED;
AUTHORITY REQUESTED FOR REINTERVIEW
BUT NOT YET RECEIVED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Requested</u>	<u>Sefile</u>	<u>Bufile</u>
[Redacted]	2/26/54	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
[Redacted]	2/18/54	[Redacted]	[Redacted]

SUBJECTS INVESTIGATED PREPARATORY
TO REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO INTERVIEW

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Sefile</u>	<u>Bufile</u>
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]

SUBJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Sefile</u>	<u>Bufile</u>
[Redacted]	unknown	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]

*Concerning this individual, the Bureau has previously been requested for authority to reinterview; however, said authority was not given due to the fact that the Seattle Office was desirous of learning what subject's
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brother [redacted] could ascertain relative to this subject's current sympathies. This status should be known in the very near future and Bureau at that time will be requested for authority to interview [redacted], in the event that indications are that he is currently defecting from the Communist Party.

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Seattle letter dated February 4, 1954, captioned as above, indicated that one [redacted] and Bufile [redacted] was being considered for interview in the future. The Seattle Office at this time is deleting this subject from the above category due to the fact that she is very active at the current time with the [redacted] in assisting the Communist Party to raise money for bail bond and aiding in other ways relative to the current work being done by the Communist Party relative to the appeal of the conviction of the Smith Act subjects in this area.

TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBJECTS
INTERVIEWED OR TO BE INTERVIEWED

12
Agents connected with the TOPLEV program in Seattle have interviewed some 58 individuals to date and at the present time the Bureau authorizations for interview total 2; also the Seattle Office has investigated two individuals preparatory to interviewing them. In addition, as listed above, the Seattle Office has under consideration 10 individuals on whom authority to interview will be requested in the near future. As the program stands at the current time 58 individuals have been interviewed and in the event all those currently being considered are interviewed in the future, a total of 72 will have been interviewed.

As mentioned in Seattle letter dated February 4, 1954, the Seattle Division is endeavoring to expedite the completion of the desired interviews and it is anticipated that said work will be completed within the next few months. From time to time,

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however, if in the future other persons are noted active in Communist Party affairs and qualify for an approach under this program, their names will be submitted for Bureau approval.

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SAC, Chicago [redacted] (100-1345)

March 10, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99)(100-10315)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
TOPLEV
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

HARRY JACOB CANTER
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reurlet dated March 4, 1954, concerning your interview with the subject on February 17, 1954, during which Canter said he thought it best not to talk to the interviewing Agent and on three separate occasions during the contact he refused to answer the Agent and said, "No comment."

At the termination of the contact the interviewing Agent said goodby to the subject, which was not acknowledged.

It is not believed that a recontact should be made with Canter at this time and authority is not granted to reinterview him.

You should concentrate your efforts on other Toplev subjects and if at some future time there are indications that a recontact with Canter would prove feasible, you should set forth information in that regard, together with your recommendations.

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Belmont _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
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March 4, 1954

SAC, Chicago [redacted] (100-1345)

ATTN: Asst. Director A. H. BELMONT

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HARRY JACOB CANTER
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Rebulet dated January 15, 1954, granting authority to contact the above-captioned subject under the instant program.

APPROACH AND CONTACT

On February 17, 1954, surveillance was initiated by SA's [redacted] and CHARLES W. COLGLAZIER in the vicinity of the Chicago Sun-Times Building, 205 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois. As had been observed previously, CANTER usually left the Sun-Times Building promptly at 5:30 p.m., and on the instant date he was observed to exit from that building at approximately 5:35 p.m., walking east on Wacker Drive and turning south on Wells Street. CANTER appeared to be in no hurry and was walking at a normal gait. Observation of CANTER for approximately two blocks indicated that he was following his usual routine and there appeared to be no factor which would prevent a secure contact.

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At the intersection of Randolph and Wells Streets, SA [redacted] approached the subject with SA COLGLAZIER observing the contact about fifty feet away. CANTER was greeted in a friendly manner with "Hello, HARRY." CANTER grinned and answered, "Hello there," and appeared puzzled, saying that the agent's face looked familiar but he could not recall where they had met. The agent introduced himself as a representative of the Bureau and expressed a desire to talk to CANTER for a few minutes. It was explained that the contact had been made in such a manner so as not to embarrass him or compromise him. CANTER showed no emotion and appeared to be outwardly calm. He stated that "I think it is best that I not talk to you." With this statement he commenced walking unhurriedly east on Randolph Street. As he walked, the contacting agent continued to walk along with him. CANTER was told that while he did not have to talk to the agent, he should respect his adopted country enough to listen to one of its representatives.

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CANTER answered "No comment," and continued to walk, looking straight ahead and pretending to ignore the agent's presence. As it became apparent that CANTER had no intention of granting an audience to the agent, CANTER was glibed by the comment that he was acting childish by not hearing the agent out, and in particular since the agent was concerned with the security of the United States, which in some ways involved CANTER himself. It was made plain to CANTER that his position with the Party was exemplary of how the Party had used a man all of his life, and because he had associated himself with the Lovestone faction he was considered by the Party to be unimportant and relegated to menial tasks. The agent impressed upon CANTER that whether he liked it or not, he had this reputation in the Party and that this opinion of him was held by many Party leaders.

From these experiences, the agent pointed out to CANTER that if he would only take time the agent could be informative along these lines and such statements by the agent could be of considerable interest to CANTER. It was pointed out to him that the agent could merely request an audience and that if he, CANTER, refused to grant the agent elementary courtesies, there was nothing the agent could do, and that he, CANTER, was merely fooling himself. CANTER again interrupted the conversation with a terse "No comment." He was then invited to permit the agent to drive him to his home or sit down in a nearby restaurant for a cup of coffee. Again CANTER refused the invitation with "No comment." CANTER was then told that the agent realized that perhaps he needed time to think over what had been said to him and perhaps after some reflection he might be willing to talk to the agent with the understanding that there was no definite commitment to be made on his part. At this point, the agent said goodbye to CANTER, which CANTER failed to acknowledge, and no further attempt was made to pursue him.

EVALUATION AND PLANS FOR RECONTACT

The contact lasted for approximately five to ten minutes. CANTER was in no way perturbed and what little comment he did make was made in a polite manner. He made no effort to avoid the agent by hurriedly walking away and no effort was made to create a scene. It was noted that as the agent talked, CANTER appeared to listen very closely. Whether the agent's remarks made any impression upon CANTER is purely hypothetical at this point since there was little or no reaction on CANTER's part.

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It is planned that CANTER will be recontacted and an attempt made to stimulate him enough to promote a conversation or to secure a definite refusal on his part to talk with the agent. UACB, CANTER will be recontacted in substantially the same manner as set forth above.

SAC, DETROIT (66-3360) [redacted]

March 8, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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Reurlet dated March 2; 1954.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible away from residence and place of employment.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with Toplev subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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ATTENTION: Mr. A. H. BELMONT, Assistant Director

BACKGROUND

A. Birth Data

The records of the New York Bureau of Vital Statistics reflect that [redacted] birth identification No. [redacted] New York. [redacted] father was listed as [redacted] New York. He was born in [redacted] occupation [redacted] mother's name was given as [redacted] born in [redacted] and age at that time, [redacted]

B. Citizenship Status

Subject is a United States citizen by birth.

C. Education

The Subject's education consists of eight years elementary school and two years high school.

D. Marital Status

The records of Local [redacted] reflect that the Subject was married on [redacted] His wife's name is [redacted] Wisconsin. They have [redacted]

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E. Military Service Record

Subject has no known military service although he was registered with Local Board [redacted]

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F. Criminal Record

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The Identification Division advised that the following record maintained under FBI No. [redacted] is identical with the Subject:

CONTRIBUTOR	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
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PD, Dearborn,
Mich.

PD, Detroit,
Mich.

[redacted]

In addition to the above record, the records of the Detroit Police Department reflect the following arrests for the Subject in Detroit:

DATE	NAME AND ADDRESS	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
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Letter to Director, FBI

RE: CP, USA, TOTLEY
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G. Employment

Mr. [redacted] advised in 1943, that Subject was employed by his company from [redacted]

Mr. [redacted] advised in 1943, that the Subject had been employed from [redacted]

The records of the [redacted] reflect that the Subject was employed by the Workers' Alliance from [redacted]. It is to be noted that the Workers' Alliance is a defunct Communist-front organization which was composed of WPA workers.

Mr. [redacted] advised in 1943, that the Subject was employed in the [redacted]

Mr. [redacted] Detroit, advised in 1943 that the Subject was employed on [redacted] until 1946, when he was hired by the [redacted] Detroit. He has been employed at the [redacted].

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Subject, as of January 31, 1952, was still employed by the [redacted]

Mr. [redacted] stated on February 5, 1952, that [redacted] has access to restricted data.

H. Residences

As of January 31, 1952, Subject was residing at [redacted] Michigan.

Letter to Director, FBI

RE: CP, USA, TOLEV
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

[redacted], was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Other known addresses in Detroit for the Subject as reflected in employment and criminal records are:

[redacted]

-- 1933
-- 1933
-- 1934

1943

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I. Status of Health

The records of Recorder's Court, [redacted]

[redacted]

Letter to Director, FBI

RE: CP, USA, TOTLEV
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

[redacted] was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

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J. Description

Name

[redacted]

Date of birth
Place of birth
Citizenship

[redacted] New York
United States

Race
Sex

White
Male

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Height
Weight

5' 10 1/2"
About 195

Build
Hair

Medium

Eyes
Features
Complexion
Employment

[redacted]

Swarthy

[redacted]

Marital status
Wife's name
Scars and marks
Social Security No.
FBI No.

[redacted] Michigan
Married

[redacted]

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

Upon arrival [redacted] Subject became active in the Young Communist League. In 1935 he was active in the American Youth Congress, alleged Communist-front organization, and was [redacted] the YCL, [redacted]

Letter to Director, FBI

RE: CP, USA, TO ELY
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Informants advised that the Subject and other Communists [redacted] the WPA strike in 1937. In 1938 Subject was reported to be [redacted] of the Workers Alliance, Communist-front organization of WPA employees, and active in WPA Local [redacted] whose charter was reportedly revoked by the AF of L because of Communist infiltration.

In 1940 Subject was reported to be a member of [redacted] Committee, member of the Negro Committee, and member of the District [redacted] CP, and was [redacted] Congress on the Communist Party ticket in the [redacted].

Subject refused to sign an affidavit demanded of all WPA employees denying membership in CP or Nazi organizations.

As [redacted] Subject attended a Party functional meeting in 1942.

Subject was registered in the Communist Party sponsored Detroit Labor School in 1943, and was [redacted] Communist Club in 1944. In the same year he was [redacted] to the State Convention of the CP from the [redacted].

Subject holds 1945 registration No. [redacted] in the Michigan CP. At the 1945 State Convention of the CP, [redacted] Subject was [redacted] the State Committee. He was [redacted] to a CP conference held in Detroit in 1946 to form [redacted].

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Subject has held 1947 CP membership card No. [redacted] and 1948 card No. [redacted].

Subject was [redacted] to the Michigan State Convention of the CP held in Detroit in 1948. In the same year he has held meetings of the [redacted].

In 1951 Subject was [redacted] and [redacted] in the same year.

Letter to Director, FBI

RE: CP, USA, TOPLEV
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

[redacted] was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

CP, [redacted] UNDERGROUND ACTIVITIES

An informant advised that the Subject had made a general analysis in early 1952 of the type of hideouts which would be desirable for CP members who were designated by the CP to go underground. The Subject described such a status as "unavailable." According to the informant, Subject concluded that a farm or residence in a small village would be an insecure place for use as a hideout in view of the natural curiosity of residents of such areas.

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In connection with his study of the situation, Subject made a trip to the East-Central Section of the State of Michigan in January 1952 with the results described by the informant as negative, in that no hideouts were located.

Detroit Office underground squad surveillances reflected late evening visits at Subject's residence by [redacted] described by [redacted] and also operating underground. Subsequent surveillances revealed that Subject rendezvoused several times with known members of the CP underground apparatus at his home and other parts of the Detroit area.

OBSERVATIONS

According to a reliable informant, [redacted] [redacted] He was sent to Detroit by the CP and has felt since then that the Party failed to recognize his abilities and promote him as he deserved. This informant considers the Subject one of the most intelligent and capable comrades in the entire Michigan area, and unusually gifted with respect to [redacted] ability and skilled as [redacted]

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On one occasion, according to this informant, the Subject was stated to have "told off" PHIL SCHATZ, Dearborn Section Organizer, and recently a convicted Smith Act Subject, even though SCHATZ ostensibly ranked far above [redacted] in Party circles.

Letter to Director, FBI

RE: CP, USA, TOPLEV
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

[redacted] was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

This same informant made the observation that the Subject is "money hungry" and fearful of losing his job. Very seldom has he been observed to contribute to CP or related group fund drives.

[redacted] advised that he has known Subject from the old YCL days in the early 1930's. Subject was described as anti-leadership, and "cocky" to the point that he felt he has been shunted aside and prevented from assuming leadership in the Communist movement in this area.

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JENNER COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL SECURITY MATTERS

On February 9, 1974, the Detroit Office was telephonically advised that on February 10, 1974, the Jenner Committee will hear testimony from [redacted], during which testimony Subject will be named among 60 Communists in the Detroit area.

APPROACH

Subject will be approached by a lone Agent while the other Agent will stay in close proximity of the area, affording utmost security. The contact will be friendly and every effort will be made to develop a friendly conversation. Subject's fears and other weaknesses and characteristics as outlined herein will be utilized to advantage during the interview.

Bureau authority is requested to contact Subject as set out previously.

SAC, Detroit [redacted] (CG-3360)

March 8, 1954.

Director, FBI (100-3-59) [redacted]

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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DISCREET HANDLER - C

Reurlet dated March 3, 1954.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible away from residence and place of employment.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with Toplev subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted] (REGISTERED) March 3, 1954

SAC, Detroit [redacted] (66-3360)

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Attention: Assistant Director A. H. BELMONT

I. BACKGROUND

A. General

The Subject was born on [redacted] He entered the United States on [redacted] at New York City and was naturalized at New York City on [redacted] through derivative citizenship by his father. Parents of the Subject are [redacted] (Deceased). The Subject has a sister, [redacted] who in 1942 was reported as residing in [redacted] The Subject was married on [redacted]

[redacted] New York. Her mother was [redacted] The Subject has a [redacted]

B. Residences

The Subject currently resides at [redacted] Michigan. Former residences include:

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Letter to the Director

Re: CP, USA-TOPLIV
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G. Employment

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Subject is [REDACTED] Michigan. He lists his occupation as that of a [REDACTED]

The Subject was formerly employed as a [REDACTED] De-
troit, Michigan. His employment there was [REDACTED]

the Subject was employed on [REDACTED]

The Subject was earlier employed at the [REDACTED] Michigan, from which position [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Subject's employment prior to moving to Detroit is shown as follows:

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Subject had odd jobs in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Letter to the Director

Re: CP, UCA-TOPLIV
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On November 12, 1953 a report received from Dun & Bradstreet reflects that in addition to [Redacted]

[Redacted]

(originally known as [Redacted] the sole purpose of this firm being the

[Redacted]

D. Education

[Redacted]

E. Criminal Record

No criminal record known other than \$2 fine in April, 1941, Queens Traffic Court, New York, overtime parking.

F. Personality

A Civil Service investigation described the Subject as "unreliable, crafty and gives the impression of having ulterior and dishonest motives". [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

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Re: CP, USA - TOPLEV
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[redacted] stated he knew the Subject to be a dangerous radical and he would not trust him in [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the Subject was not liked by his fellow employees, that he was frequently involved in political arguments and that he could not keep him at his desk. Every time he turned around the Subject was in another corner of the building haranguing someone about the political beliefs of these individuals. He believed the Subject to be a very rabid Communist. He stated that the Subject was also a very poor [redacted] and that he would not hire him again if he worked for nothing.

II. COMMUNIST PARTY HISTORY

While in [redacted] employment the Subject was reported to be a CP member and active in the [redacted]

The Subject was reported to have attended on October 21, 1940 a meeting of the [redacted] of the CP in New York which was also attended by [redacted] and another member of the cell were reported to have stated that [redacted] was a member of their cell and previously worked in their section of the [redacted] also that he had held Communist meetings at [redacted]

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In December, 1944 the Subject held membership book number [redacted] Communist Political Association (CPA) and [redacted] in the [redacted] Detroit. He was active in the affairs of the [redacted] of the CPA to the State Conference. [redacted] held on April 22, 1945. He held meetings of the [redacted] on various occasions in 1945 and was again a [redacted] the State Convention, [redacted] CPA, on July 22, 1945.

On July 18, 1946 [redacted] CP member, was reported to have stated that whenever she wanted to make a contact in the [redacted] group (CP, [redacted]) she always contacted [redacted]. In 1948 [redacted] was stated by [redacted] to have openly talked about CP affairs with him.

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The Subject is reported to have been in contact with the Civil Rights Congress (CRC), the Progressive Party of Michigan (PP) and the International Workers Order (IWO).

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The Subject is reported to have been a member of the CP at least until the summer of 1951.

Subsequent to the above [REDACTED] has been reported as a Detroit CP [REDACTED] the CP. On April 27, 1952 [REDACTED] suspected CP underground figure and wife of [REDACTED] recently convicted Detroit Smith Act Subject, was observed leaving [REDACTED] address. On another occasion the automobile of [REDACTED] suspected CP underground member, was observed parked in front of [REDACTED] residence.

§ [REDACTED] The personnel lists of the [REDACTED] reflect among the employees the following individuals known to have associated with the CP:

ANNA GALEXY (wife of convicted Detroit Smith Act Subject);
ROBERT TRAVIS (Reported underground functionary);

[REDACTED]
JOSEPH BERNSTEIN (Discharged from "Detroit News" for Communist connections)

III. WEAKNESSES AND PRESSURE POINTS

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] It is known that many of the local Communists are extremely apprehensive regarding being called before a HCUA Hearing which is scheduled to hold hearings in Detroit soon. While it is not planned that any reference, direct or indirect, will be made to the HCUA, [REDACTED] will, nevertheless, have in mind the possibility of unfavorable consequences in the event of his failure to cooperate.

It is further noted that there have been few reports concerning the Subject's Communist activities in recent years and this may possibly indicate a falling off of interest on his part although this is problematical in view of the fact that his affiliation has been with the [REDACTED] of the CP which has so closely guarded its activities that information pertaining thereto has been negligible.

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In 1952 the Subject along with 43 other members of the Detroit [REDACTED] made what was described as a "2 1/2 day good will tour of European countries."

IV. APPROACH

[REDACTED] will be contacted in a courteous but businesslike manner when an opportune moment affords away from his residence or employment. During the conversation, advantage will be taken of the data accumulated regarding [REDACTED] without revealing or giving intimation of the sources thereof.

SAC, Chicago [redacted]

March 5, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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[redacted] was.
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Reurlet dated February 23, 1954, advising that the subject's whereabouts has not been determined.

Since subject's whereabouts is unknown, the authorized contact with him cannot be made in the near future.

In view of the fact subject cannot be interviewed at the present time under this Program, his case should be removed from Toplev consideration.

The case should be reassigned and if the subject's whereabouts is determined, consideration should be immediately given to an interview with him under the Toplev Program and the Bureau should be advised prior to such interview, setting forth the contemplated plan of approach which must be made in accordance with the Bureau's instructions relating to interviews with Toplev subjects.

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Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

February 23, 1954

SAC, Chicago [redacted]

ATTN: Asst. Director A. H. BELMONT

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Re Chicago letter to the Bureau dated December 15, 1953.

Since the referenced letter was written, [redacted] has not been observed during Toplev fisurs conducted at his residence or during other investigative activities carried on by this division in recent months.

On January 23, 1954, [redacted] of known reliability, was advised by [redacted] a member of the Illinois State Labor Youth League Board, that [redacted] is no longer residing in the city of Chicago. [redacted] stated [redacted] is currently residing in New York, and is employed at [redacted] the Labor Youth League.

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Additionally, CG 5915-SW, of known reliability, has failed to advise that [redacted] is currently residing at his home at [redacted] Illinois.

In view of the above, the Chicago Office is holding in abeyance any further attempt to locate and contact [redacted] under the instant program. An appropriate lead has been sent to the New York Division requesting that [redacted] whereabouts be established. In the event [redacted] is located and is found to be residing in this, the Chicago Division, a new request will be submitted by this division.

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SAC, Chicago [redacted]

March 5, 1954

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Director, FBI (100-3-77) [redacted]

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reurlet dated February 26, 1954.

Authority is granted to recontact [redacted]
away from residence and any place of employment.

In conducting this interview you should be
guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to
interviews with Toplev subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it
is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days,
the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact
has not been made and when you anticipate conducting
the interview.

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JDD:DE NOEM ON YELLOW: Subject was contacted on 2/1 and 2/15/54
and though he has not cooperation, he has listened to the
Agents and it may be possible to develop him in the future.
Subject is a [redacted] the United Packinghouse
Workers of America - CIO and has been a Communist Party member
since [redacted]. He is considered a sincere Marxist and has worked
very hard on behalf of the Communist Party. According to Informant,
[redacted] is believed to be one of the few people in Chicago who
know the whereabouts of [redacted].
Subject's wife has been a member of the Communist Party since
[redacted] and when interviewed on December 4, 1953, under the Toplev
Program, she was uncooperative but not hostile and further
consideration is being given to a recontact by Chicago.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

February 26, 1954

SAC, CHICAGO [redacted]

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ATT'N: Assistant Director
A. H. BELMONT

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Reference is made to Chicago letter to the Bureau dated February 8, 1954.

Approach and Recontact with Subject

On February 15, 1954, a surveillance was initiated in the vicinity of the subject's home at [redacted] Illinois, by SA's [redacted] and CHARLES W. COLGLAZIER. At 3:40 p.m., the subject was observed in work clothes doing some work around his home. On several occasions he was observed to exit from his basement and carry materials and tools to repair a window.

At 4:00 p.m., while the subject was apparently inspecting a basement window, he was approached by SA's [redacted] and COLGLAZIER. Greetings were exchanged between [redacted] and the agents, and inquiries were made concerning the nature of the repairs which he was making. [redacted] explained the nature of the repairs and stated that he had decided to spend his spare time working around the house while he was unemployed. Inquiries were made by the agents as to whether [redacted] had found a new job, to which [redacted] replied that he had found things "rough", but still had some "feelers" out.

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[redacted] then abruptly ended the small talk by saying that he was again too busy to talk to the agents and that they were in fact wasting his time. He was reminded that the agents did not intend to waste his time, but wanted to have a talk with him concerning a serious matter which not only involved him at the present time, but possibly could involve him in the future. It was pointed out that he had nothing to lose by listening to the agents and that if he granted the agents an audience and became bored with what the agents were saying, he still had the right to terminate the interview at his will.

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Re: CP. USA - TOPLEV

It was pointed out that [] while he was an intelligent person, could not comprehend all the aspects to such subjects as Communism. [] agreed that he had read a lot and listened to many speakers and yet there was a lot he did not know. It was then re-emphasized that it was possible for a person to be intelligent and yet listen to people who are misinformed on such subjects as trade unionism, civil rights, and political philosophy, and be "taken in" by these misinformed persons. b7D

At this point, some literature was displayed to [] namely, "The American Labor Unions - Their Role in the Free World", "Elements of the Soviet Labor Law", published by the Department of Labor, "The Negro and American Life", and "The Communists - Friends or Foes of Civil Liberties". [] examined the pamphlets and admitted that he had never read them and also admitted that they appeared to be interesting material. When asked to accept these pamphlets, he refused, saying that "This is too much reading for me."

At this point [] was told that he puzzled the agents by refusing to sit down and talk with them on a subject such as Communism and in particular its relation to him. He was told that the Party must not have confidence in its members when they refuse to permit a member to merely sit down and talk with persons who oppose it and are willing to challenge it by objective conversation. Pointedly, [] was giped that the Party must have a strange hold on him to command his loyalty and yet refuse to come to his assistance when he is out of a job and needs help and when they can place him in fear to prevent him from talking to two official representatives of the United States Government, namely two FBI agents. It was again pointed out to [] that he undoubtedly had a false idea as to what FBI men were actually like and undoubtedly he had gained this impression from remarks made in the "Daily Worker" about Bureau agents. [] agreed that the agents were human and that they had approached him as gentlemen in a businesslike manner. b7D

Upon securing this admission from [] several minutes of the conversation were utilized by the agents to set forth the Bureau's record in civil rights cases such as at Cicero, Illinois, and the recent prosecutions of the KKK.

DIRECTOR, FBI

Re: CP. USA - TOPLEV
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] seemed to be impressed and admitted that the "Daily Worker" and other left wing publications had never seen fit to give the Bureau credit in such matters.

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At this point [REDACTED] again insisted that he had to get his work finished and while he did not mind listening to the agents, he did not have time at the present for their conversation. [REDACTED] was then told that the agents felt confident that he would grant them some time in the future that they could stimulate his thinking and possibly influence him to review his past activities and find certain periods of his past life which were definitely not in the best interests of the United States. He was again reminded that he basically was a good American with a good record in trade union work, but like many others had been fooled by the Communists and their propaganda. [REDACTED] replied that he had already been influenced to some extent by the agents, but did not continue this remark and once again insisted that he had no time for the agents. He stated that he was willing to listen to the agents, but when pressed for a definite appointment, refused and said "Just drop around some time." The agents agreed with this, and [REDACTED] shook hands with both agents and the interview was terminated.

Evaluation

The contact lasted approximately forty minutes. [REDACTED] did not appear to be nervous or antagonistic because the agents had recontacted him. He again utilized the excuse that he did not have time, which was obviously not the truth. It is noted, however, that [REDACTED] did take time to listen to the agents and appeared to be both entertained and interested in what was said. It appears that [REDACTED] gained some confidence in the agents and has possibly altered his opinion as to the conduct of Bureau personnel. It will be noted that while he did not actually agree to a definite commitment, it was felt by both interviewing agents that he desired to do so but was restrained from making such an appointment because of the Party's existing instructions. At present it is not known whether [REDACTED] has reported these contacts to the Party. However, no informants have reported that [REDACTED] has been contacted.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

Re: CP. USA - TOPLEV

[REDACTED]

Plan for Recontact

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It is contemplated that [REDACTED] will be recontacted and an endeavor made to secure a definite appointment from him in order that the contact can be made under most favorable circumstances. It is planned that the contact will be made under similar circumstances as the two previous contacts, UACB.

SAC, New York [redacted]

March 5, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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[redacted] was.
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Reurlet dated February 26, 1954.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible away from residence and place of business.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with Copley subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

DATE: March 4, 1954

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES [redacted]

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SUBJECT: CP, USA, TOPLEV
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Rebulet dated February 18, 1954.

BACKGROUND

For the information of other Toplev offices, the following background information on the subject is being set out:

[redacted] is a white, male, American, born [redacted] [redacted] Texas. He is married and is the father of [redacted] children. He is known to have been engaged in Trade Union activity as a full time [redacted] for the past fifteen to twenty years. In 1939 he was [redacted] of the United Furniture Workers of America-CIO, at Los Angeles, California. He subsequently was [redacted] of United Furniture Workers of America (UFWA) and assigned to [redacted] New York City. He subsequently became [redacted] in the [redacted] the UFWA in New York City. He also worked intermittently as a [redacted] the UFWA and subsequently returned to Los Angeles where he resumed his duties as [redacted] The UFWA was expelled from the CIO as a Communist dominated union in 1948.

Subject was known to be a member of the Communist Party (CP) in Los Angeles as early as 1938, at which time he was a member of the [redacted] [redacted] the Los Angeles County Communist Party (LACCP.)

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New York informants advised that when subject resided in New York City he was a member of the CP. When he returned to Los Angeles in [redacted], he was a member of the [redacted] the LACCP and was also on the Negro Commission for the LACCP. He frequently attended meetings of the Communist Trade Unionists in the Los Angeles area. In [redacted] he was transferred from the [redacted] the LACCP. In [redacted] he was transferred to New York City from the [redacted] of the LACCP. [redacted] a TAFT-HARTLEY affidavit and as a result, dropped his activities in the CP, technically. [redacted] the Furniture Workers in the Los Angeles area [redacted] and the subject. This dissension was brought to the attention of the CP and as a result, [redacted]

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[redacted] Informant advised that at the time the Party considered this problem, that there was no indication that [redacted] had defected from the CP and that he was still completely trusted by the CP leaders in this area. However, after an additional few months, [redacted] decided to leave the union entirely and he moved out of the Los Angeles area to [redacted] California where he is presently employed by the [redacted]

INTERVIEW

Subject was contacted by SA's [redacted] and VINCENT W. HUGHES in the immediate vicinity of his residence at [redacted] California, on March 1, 1954. Agents interviewed the subject for approximately two and one half hours. While subject maintained a courteous and non-hostile attitude at the outset of the interview, he was, nevertheless, completely reluctant to make any admissions about his past Party activities. However, as the conversation progressed, the subject appeared to relax and gain confidence that the Agents were not there in an effort to cause him any difficulty. Agents continually emphasized the fact that their purpose in coming to [redacted] was to enlist his assistance in their efforts to counteract possible subversive developments in this country.

When it appeared that the subject might talk to Agents, he raised the question that as an old-time Trade Unionist, he could never see himself in the category of a "stool pigeon." Agents immediately raised the usual arguments in opposition to this point of view, pointing out that they certainly did not want him to act in the capacity of a stool pigeon, but were asking him to consider his obligation to the patriotic and loyal citizens of this country in that he had information which would help to protect them and that he had a choice of either protecting the subversive element in the country by not cooperating with the Agents, or protecting the patriotic citizens of the country by cooperating with Agents.

LA [redacted]

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After considerable discussion along this line, subject indicated a willingness to talk to Agents. He advised that he was recruited into the CP in Los Angeles in [redacted] who, at that time, was a full time functionary of the LACCP. Subject stated that all of his Party activity and history was directly tied in with his work as an [redacted] the UFWA. He stated he was a member, in good standing, of the Party from [redacted] until [redacted] when he had to comply to the provisions of the TAFT-HARTLEY Act. He stated he realized that this was only a technical severance from the CP and that he continued to meet with Party members after having signed the oath, although he attended no formal CP meetings. He stated, after being recruited he attended a group of about ten or twelve Marxist classes and was assigned to the [redacted] [redacted] the A.F. of L. Carpenter Workers Union. Shortly thereafter, he was [redacted] the United Furniture Workers of America. He left Los Angeles for New York in [redacted], at which time he became [redacted] the UFWA. While in this capacity, he [redacted] with MAX PERLOW, Vice President of the UFWA, and other national officers such as SOL SILVERMAN and [redacted] [redacted]. He stated the National Office of the UFWA worked very closely with the National Office of the CP and that as a result, he was in frequent contact with JOHN WILLIAMSON, who was National Trade Union Director of the CP. He stated he also became well acquainted with SIDNEY STEIN and that on at least one occasion, he met with JACK STACHEL.

In the [redacted], he returned to Los Angeles and again [redacted] the UFWA. He again resumed his Party activities and was in frequent contact with Trade Union functionaries in the LACCP, such as DOROTHY HEALEY, NEMMY SPARKS, BEN DOBBS, and LOU BARRON. HEALEY and DOBBS have both been convicted under the SMITH Act and SPARKS and BARRON are presently in the Underground.

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Subject returned to New York in [redacted] and took the position of [redacted] the UFWA. In [redacted] [redacted] to do field organization work for the UFWA and in this capacity, also met with CP leaders on union matters, but stated he did not attend any actual Party meetings.

He returned to Los Angeles in [redacted], at which time [redacted] who was the [redacted] [redacted]. Subject stated that he simply [redacted] [redacted] had nothing to do with either subject's or [redacted] relationship with the CP. He stated the Party stepped in and attempted to [redacted] but that after a few months, he decided the best thing to do for his own personal happiness was to completely step out of the union picture.

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He moved, in early [redacted] California, where he has been residing ever since. He stated that since going to [redacted] his only contact with Party people has been when, on occasion, he returns to visit in Los Angeles, about every six months, at which time he usually calls [redacted] both old-time Party members. He stated about a year ago, when some legal proceedings developed, he was telephoned three or four times by [redacted] and other union leaders for information which would help them in this case.

Throughout this entire interview, Agents repeatedly made reference to the fact that the F.B.I. has no interest in legitimate labor relation matters. b7D

Towards the end of the interview, subject was rather insistent as to exactly what the Agents were driving at and he told them that there was no need to be circumspect in talking to him. He asked if Agents were interested in his possible knowledge of the whereabouts of Communist fugitives and what he knew about current activities which might help enlighten the Bureau regarding Communist activities. Agents stated that quite naturally, they were interested in any assistance they could receive from any source and since the conversation naturally developed along this line, they asked the subject what his attitude would be in the event he learns of anything of this nature. [redacted] stated that he would certainly advise the Bureau if he knew the whereabouts of Communist fugitives or if he learned of any activities which he would regard as detrimental to the best interests of this country. [redacted] comments in this regard indicated pretty clearly that he was willing to help the Bureau at that time if information came to his attention, but that there would possibly be some hesitancy on his part on going out of his way to reactivate himself in the Communist movement. He mentioned, along this line, that he felt should he try to reactivate himself, it would be highly suspicious. Agents told him that they felt that this was a technical question which they could advise him on if things developed so that he did desire to reactivate himself. Agents advised him that they would like to call on him again in the near future and he readily agreed to meet, although expressed a desire to meet away from the vicinity of his home.

Bureau authority is requested to recontact this subject in an effort to develop him as an informant. As the Bureau is aware, informant coverage in the area of the subject's residence is very slim at the present time. Also, sources in Los Angeles county have indicated that there are three Communist clubs in that area. In the event that subject is willing to reactivate himself, there will be considerable problem of putting him in contact with the right people. The subject, throughout

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the interview, on a number of occasions, made reference to his difficult economic position and it is believed that payments of money would carry great weight with this informant. Bureau authority is therefore requested to pay this subject up to \$100.00 per month, effective March 1, 1954, for a period of three months. It is not anticipated that he will be paid this full amount unless his services warrant such payments. It is expected that if he reactivates himself, he will have to make trips to Los Angeles, which will require considerable money for the expenses involved.

Since the possibility of developing this individual as an informant would probably extend over a considerable period of time, no further correspondence regarding him will be furnished to the other Toplev offices.

EVALUATION

Agents gained a definite respect for the intelligence of this subject throughout the interview. One obvious side of his personality is that he is quite egotistical and self-centered. It is believed that in view of the fact that subject was so frank regarding his past Party activities that he was being sincere with the Agents throughout this interview. The chances of developing him as an informant would appear to be good as he can make appropriate contacts in either Los Angeles or his present place of residence.

This subject is personally acquainted with four or five of the leading functionaries in the CP Underground in this area. In the event of his development as an informant, this office will be alert to the possibility of exploiting such contacts to the greatest extent.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-3-99) (100-328419)

DATE: 3/4/54

FROM :

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SUBJECT: SAC, Newark

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Rebulet 1/28/54.

Repeated conversations with subject have met with polite but firm refusal to cooperate. He has been exposed to all of the available arguments and appeals, without success. Aside from his apparent convictions on the matter, his livelihood has been derived from CP activity for many years.

It is believed that no further attempt should be made to recontact him until some development makes it appear desirable. Accordingly, authority to interview will be considered cancelled.

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Reurlet dated February 25, 1954.

It is noted that during your interview with the subject on February 10, 1954, on four separate occasions during the interview he said with considerable emphasis that he did not want to talk to the Agents.

He did accept some literature and you requested authority to recontact the subject to ascertain his reaction to the pamphlet which he received and whether he might change his mind.

Authority is not granted to recontact the subject at this time and you should concentrate your efforts on other top-level material.

If in the future you receive an indication that a recontact with Miller is feasible you should recontact your request setting forth the reasons why you feel another interview should be conducted.

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ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
A. H. BELMONT

PERRY EDWIN MILLER

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Rebulet 1/7/54 in which authority was granted to recontact MILLER whenever feasible away from his residence and place of employment.

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SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

On 2/17/54 SAS JOSEPH P. MACFARLAND and [redacted] were in Sedro Woolley, Washington, and during the late afternoon hours instituted a spot-check surveillance in the vicinity of subject's residence, Cabin #5, 10th and State Sts. Said surveillance was maintained until well after the hours of darkness, however, MILLER was not observed in the area at this time.

On 2/18/54 agents instituted a spot-check surveillance in the vicinity of the Goodyear-Nelson Lumber Co., and at 1:30 PM noted MILLER'S 1938 Plymouth automobile, bearing 1954 Washington License Plate 5042M, which was parked in a narrow road leading away from the main part of said mill. Agents maintained an intermittent spot-check surveillance in the immediate area of this parked automobile inasmuch as they had ascertained by a pretext telephone inquiry to the mill office that the employees were dismissed from the mill at 5 PM.

At approximately 4:45 PM agents took up a position in a parked Bureau automobile in the near proximity of MILLER'S automobile. At 5 PM the mill whistle blew and agents noted the employees leaving the immediate area. In this connection it should be noted that practically all of the laborers at the mill had checked out of the mill area prior to the time MILLER was seen walking in a direction toward his automobile. At 5:02 PM agents noted MILLER proceeding toward his car at which time he was cordially greeted by the above-mentioned agents.

INTERVIEW WITH MILLER

Agents identified themselves to MILLER and he in turn gave each agent a warm handshake. MILLER was asked if he had given considerable thought to the matter that was discussed with him during December and he said that he had and that the only thing that he wanted to do in this country was "carve for himself a niche in democracy which does not exist at this time in this country." Agents immediately asked MILLER what he meant by this and

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he said "I don't want you men around here pestering me." Agents suggested to MILLER that he probably would want to cooperate with the Government to the extent of making his knowledge available as to what was necessary to change in order to have an effective democracy. MILLER stated that "All I'm interested in is democracy." Agents inquired of him as to what democracy is, and he angrily stated "I don't want to talk to you."

Agents suggested to MILLER, in an effort to rile him somewhat with the idea of having him talk, that probably there were other countries somewhere in the world where the democracy which he feels doesn't exist in this country prevails there, and that probably would be the place that he should seek out as his haven of refuge. To this comment MILLER merely replied "I'm only interested in democracy and I don't want to talk to you men, I don't want you around here pestering me." Agents assured MILLER that they were in no way intimidating him nor were they endeavoring to harass him or to exercise duress on him in any manner, and that their sole reason for contacting him was to enlist his cooperation. He was told that he, as a citizen of the United States, must feel that he is obligated to assist duly constituted representatives of his Government when they ask his help and he, MILLER, merely stated "I don't want you pestering me."

Agents then suggested to MILLER that he perhaps didn't appreciate how fortunate he was in being able to earn a living in this country; in being free to change jobs as he wished; in being able, without fear of banishment, to complain about working conditions; to be able to demand of his employer a change in working conditions or an increase in wages without the possibility of suffering banishment to some remote area of the country; and that he must know that in certain nations where the Communist theory of Government is practiced that such things do exist, and that he should have sufficient interest in maintaining his rights to do the things outlined above by helping his Government learn about the objectives of certain groups which seek to take away his liberty as well as the liberties of the other free people of this country. Agents suggested to MILLER that he might like to read a pamphlet put out by an AFL union concerning labor conditions in the Soviet Union, and he, MILLER, stated that he did not need it but that Agents could give it to him and he would read it. Thereupon agents furnished him with a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Slave Labor in the Soviet Union". MILLER indicated to Agents that he was desirous of proceeding to his home and wanted nothing further to do with Agents, so the interview was terminated with him, and it was suggested to him that possibly after he read the pamphlet and studied the facts set forth therein that he might change his views and ultimately see his way clear to cooperate with the Government which gives him the many privileges and blessings which he enjoys as a free citizen in a democratic society.

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MILLER then got into his car and started the motor, and after shaking hands with both agents, remarked "Well, I might read this pamphlet" and then drove rapidly away.

TIME OF INTERVIEW

The above-described interview was had between 5:02 and 5:06 PM on a road near the parking lot of the Goodyear-Nelson Lumber Co., Sedro Woolley, Washington, on February 18, 1954.

EVALUATION

In conversation with MILLER it was quite apparent to agents that he wanted nothing whatsoever to do with agents and he remarked on occasions that he did not want agents pestering him. MILLER did, however, accept the pamphlet offered him and indicated that he might possibly read same. Due to this fact agents feel that no harm could be done in recontacting MILLER, and accordingly Bureau authority is requested to recontact MILLER in order to ascertain his reaction to said pamphlet, and also to learn if he might have possibly changed his mind somewhat.

DIRECTOR, FBI

(100-3-99) [redacted]

March 2, 1954

SAC, SEATTLE

[redacted] (66-2135)

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ATTENTION: ASST. DIR. A. H. BELMONT

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

Rebulet 1/4/54 in which authority was granted to reimburse [redacted] in the amount of \$75.00 for a recent trip he took to [redacted] Washington, in which he provided certain information of value. Said referenced letter also authorized the Seattle Office to compensate [redacted] for an additional \$75.00 for a trip which he contemplated making to Seattle some time in February 1954.

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Seattle letter dated 1/27/54 reflects that agents connected with the Toplev Program were in [redacted] Washington, on 1/22/54 endeavoring to contact [redacted] however, they learned only that he had moved from [redacted] Oregon. In this connection agents on 2/11/54 received a letter from [redacted] postmarked from [redacted] Ore. stating to the effect that he was currently [redacted] and at the present time it would be quite desirable as far as he was concerned to make a trip to Seattle or to pursue certain information desired by agents connected with the Toplev Program. [redacted] mentioned in this letter, however, that he had not been able to take this trip at the current time due to the fact that he was lacking in funds. He also mentioned in the letter that agents could contact him telephonically in [redacted] Ore. through his phone No. [redacted].

Upon receipt of the above-described letter from [redacted] agents telephonically contacted [redacted] and he advised that he would receive an unemployment check on or about 2/16/54 and would then be able to take a trip to Seattle. After further conversation with him it was decided that [redacted] would be in the vicinity of [redacted] Washington, on 2/19/54 and that agents would meet him there in the vicinity of the [redacted].

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SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

At approximately 4 PM on 2/19/54 SAS JOSEPH P. MACFARLAND and [redacted] were in [redacted] Washington, and took up a surveillance near the [redacted] which is located on the main street of this small town. Inasmuch as arrangements had been made to meet [redacted] there at approximately

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4 PM agents checked the interior of the said cafe; however, met with negative results as to locating [redacted]. At this time, however, it was raining quite hard and agents, realizing that rain in this area would mean there would be snow in the mountain area where [redacted] would have to drive from [redacted], felt that he undoubtedly had been delayed on account of the snow. [redacted] was seen driving up to the [redacted] at 5:43 PM on 2/19/54.

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INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

[redacted] upon arriving in the area, immediately noticed agents and came up to them and greeted them in a very friendly manner. Agents and [redacted] subsequently walked to the Bureau car which was parked in the immediate vicinity and [redacted] got into the back seat of said automobile. [redacted] said that he had been delayed somewhat due to driving conditions and apologized for being one hour and forty-five minutes late. He said he had made every effort to keep the appointment and be on time. Agents then told [redacted] that during the latter part of January they had been in [redacted] Washington, looking for him and had learned that he had

[redacted] said that he had moved from [redacted] on or about [redacted] Ore. inasmuch as he could secure cheaper living conditions and be near his wife's people. He said that he anticipated returning to [redacted] in the near future as soon as the [redacted]

[redacted] apparently has given considerable thought to the topics discussed with him by agents, and he, on this occasion, openly remarked to agents "I desire to do anything I can to help the FBI and I will do all I can while on this side of the mountains" to ascertain information as to the whereabouts of [redacted] also remarked that while in the area he planned on going to Everett, Washington, where he might secure employment in order to be nearer to Seattle. Agents told [redacted] that anything he endeavored to ascertain in this area relative to [redacted] (who is and has been operating in an underground capacity for the CP for over two years) must be done with the emphasis being placed on discretion. It was explained to [redacted] that he must be most circumspect in any endeavor he made to secure information and guard against the possibility of being detected by any of his relatives. He said that he understood this and would not pursue the matter to such an extent that any curiosity would be aroused by either [redacted] in case he could locate her in the vicinity. It was also explained to [redacted] that the arrangement must be most confidential at all times, and he could in no way assume or indicate that he was in the employ of the FBI. He said that he understood this and desired to cooperate to the fullest extent inasmuch as he could see the fallacy and short-comings of Communist ideology and propaganda.

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Agents compensated [redacted] in the amount of \$75.00 for the trip he took to [redacted], Washington, in November 1953, and it was apparent from his actions that he was most appreciative of receiving this amount.

[redacted] stated that he was currently residing in [redacted] Ore., at [redacted], and his phone number there was [redacted].

[redacted] advised agents that in the event he received any information during the next few days from [redacted] Washington, concerning the whereabouts of [redacted] or other individuals, or any information of value about current CP activities in the area, he would immediately contact agents in Seattle. He was advised at the time that he could call the Seattle Office and furnish only enough information in order that agents might recontact him in a discreet place. He said that he understood this and said he would make a call to the agents upon his return in the event he received any information of this kind. [redacted] said that he planned on staying in the area until the night of February 21 or the morning of February 22, at which time he would return to [redacted]. Agents advised [redacted] that when they again saw him they would compensate him for his trip to Seattle. He said that he would be very appreciative of this inasmuch as at the current time he was rather financially disturbed.

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As of late February 23 agents had received no word from [redacted] and it is presumed that he has returned home. [redacted] also advised that he would drop agents a line upon returning to [redacted] and tell them as to what his current plans were for residence and employment. Any information he might have developed on his trip to the Seattle area will also be included he advised.

Agents plan on making a contact with [redacted] in the near future and the Bureau will be kept advised of the progress in this matter.

TIME OF INTERVIEW

The above interview with [redacted] was had between 5:45 PM and 6:10 PM 2/19/54 at [redacted] Washington.

SAC, New York [redacted]

March 2, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-92) [redacted]

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Memorandum dated February 16, 1954.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible away from residence.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with Topder subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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Director, FBI (100-3-99)
ATT: Assistant Director A. H. BELMONT
SAC, New York [redacted]

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[redacted] has been selected as a person to be approached under the Toplev program.

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Birth Data

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Marital Status

[redacted] is married and resides with his wife, [redacted] New York City.

Race and Citizenship

[redacted] and a naturalized United States citizen, having been naturalized in the Supreme Court, [redacted]

Employment

[redacted] is currently unemployed.

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DOMESTIC ACTIVITIES

Investigation has shown that when the CP, USA first rented its Post Office [redacted] New York City, on [redacted]

An informant, of known reliability, has advised that [redacted] was one of the [redacted] of that department.

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Letter to Director

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Another informant has reported that [redacted] attended the [redacted] meeting of the IWO held in the early part of 1940 and in the same year was [redacted] the National Office of the IWO, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City. A highly reliable informant of known reliability, has stated that it was a policy of the IWO that any employee of the National Office of the IWO should be a Communist Party member.

At the fifth national convention of the IWO held in New York City in June 1940, [redacted]

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The IWO Convention Bulletin dated [redacted] listed [redacted] National IWO Convention which was held at Manhattan Center, New York City, July 7, 1944.

In 1949, [redacted] the National Organization of the IWO. An informant of known reliability, has reported that throughout 1949 [redacted] regularly attended meetings of [redacted] of the IWO.

[redacted] has been identified as having been a participant in the May Day Parade and having been a spectator at the reviewing stand for the parade at Union Square, May 1, 1951.

The [redacted] issue of the "Morning Freiheit", page 22, column 4, carried an item stating that the [redacted]

A reliable source advised that on September 13, 1952, [redacted] was a member of [redacted] of the IWO.

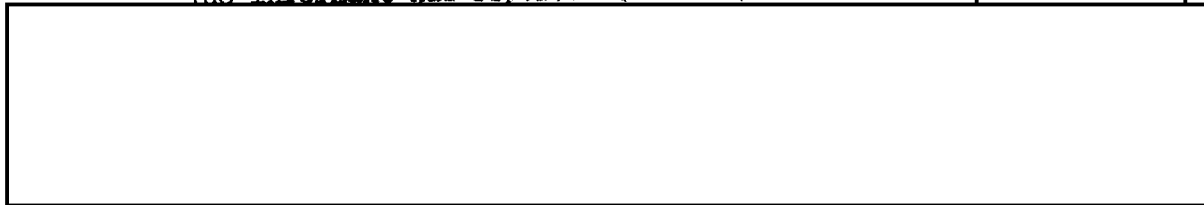
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A reliable informant has stated that [redacted] continued in his post with the IWO until December 15, 1953. As of that date, the New York State Insurance Department assumed sole control of the IWO and severance pay was granted to the remaining IWO officials still working in the National Office as of that time. The informant has stated that in exchange for this severance pay, the IWO officials who had received such remuneration were expected to work without pay in [redacted] IWO.

Letter to Director

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The informant has reported that after two weeks of [redacted]



The name of [redacted] is included in the Security Index.

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Because of the foregoing, [redacted] has been selected as a person to be approached under the Toplev program.

PLAN OF APPROACH

Bureau authority is requested to contact [redacted] in accordance with existing Bureau instructions relating to the Toplev program.

If such authority is granted, it is planned that [redacted] will be approached on the street by two agents after he has been surveilled to a secure distance from his residence. Such an approach will be made during the week of March 1, 1954, circumstances permitting.

SAC, Los Angeles [redacted]

March 2, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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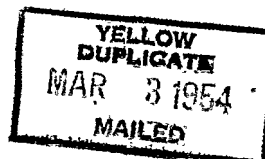
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Authority is granted to recontact [redacted] whenever feasible away from residence and place of employment.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with Toplev subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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SAC, New York: [redacted]

March 2, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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Outlet dated February 25, 1954.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible away from residence and place of employment.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with Toplev subject.

Advise Bureau promptly of contact and if it is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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Director, FBI (100-3-29)
/s/ Assistant Director W. H. BEEHIVE
SAC, New York [redacted]

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In connection with the Toplev Program in this office, [redacted] a Communist Party member for many years, and one who is presently connected with the CP underground movement in this area, has been selected for approach in the near future.

Background

A review of subject's case file in this office reveals that she was born [redacted] Virginia or Lithuanian descent. The subject

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It should be noted that the subject's case file in this office indicates that in 1942 the Washington Field Office of this Bureau conducted a Hatch Act investigation of the subject, which is entitled, [redacted] aka, [redacted]

The file further reflects that [redacted] who in 1944 resided at [redacted] D. C., was employed by the [redacted]

The subject is presently employed as a [redacted] at the [redacted] NYC, and is residing at [redacted] NYC.

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Communist Party Background

The subject has a CP background of some importance, according to a review of her case file in this office. It should be noted that at the present time, the subject is in direct contact with leaders of the CP underground movement in the Harlem area, namely [redacted]. The name of [redacted] was included in the active indices of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, and it was ascertained that the subject [redacted] meeting of 5/15/42,

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Letter to Director

NY [redacted]

and advised agents of this Bureau when interviewed in Washington, D. C. as the result of a [redacted] investigation that she did attend such a meeting. She also advised that she was on [redacted]

[redacted] The subject's name also appeared on the [redacted] Subject's file reveals that she was a subscriber to "In Action", "The Communist", "The Daily Worker", and "New Masses". The subject also received "Information Bulletin-Moscow of the USSR". The subject [redacted] /American-Soviet Friendship Rally held in St. Louis 11/21/43. The subject was reported to this Bureau to be [redacted] unable to take a reasonable stand on labor matters. In 1946, the subject went to [redacted] and became active in CP activities, as well [redacted] in Arkansas. The subject [redacted] of the Young Progressive Party in [redacted]

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The subject's file reflects that she was an isolationist prior to Germany's attack on Russia, when she reversed her position. The subject was a member, in 1941, of the [redacted] which was included in the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations. In 1944, [redacted] where she was employed by [redacted] CIO, and was a member of the Communist branch in that city. Just prior to the 1944 national election, the subject arrived in [redacted] stating that she was there to [redacted] and had been sent to that area by [redacted] through the CIO. The subject had a CP membership book for 1944, as well as subsequent years. She served as a [redacted] the CP in Washington, D. C., and attended several schools conducted by the CP in that area around 1945.

The subject was [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] when she was reportedly dismissed for concentrating on Negroes and neglecting Whites. [redacted] was an active member of the CP when she returned to Washington, D. C., and in [redacted] was a member of the [redacted] the [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] attended CP educational classes in Washington, D. C. on [redacted] as mentioned above, came to [redacted] of the

Letter to Director

NY [redacted]

request of [redacted] a known-Communist in that state, who was alleged to be seeking the subject's assistance in the Wallace campaign and CP activities in that area. The subject's first appearance at a CP meeting was in [redacted]

[redacted] and became active in the CP in that area, as well as the CPC. At a CP Leaders meeting of [redacted] CPUSA, held on [redacted] the subject indicated agreement with statements of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and EUGENE DENNIS, that the US Communists would not fight against Russia. The subject is listed as having contributed \$20.00 to the CP fund drive at that time.

NY-516-G* advised this office on 9/20/50 that [redacted] of National CP Headquarters, 35 East 12th Street, NYC, selected [redacted] [redacted] CP defense attorney, who was in the process of preparing the CP brief in connection with the trial of the 12 CP leaders, for violation of the Smith Act.

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It should be noted that the [redacted] Washington, D. C., is [redacted] according to the subject's file. It should be noted that [redacted] was also interviewed by agents of the NYO on 4/5/49, in connection with the investigation entitled, [redacted] 't that time.

[redacted]

According to [redacted] subject is considered to be closely connected with the CP [redacted] who operate in the [redacted] of NYC.

Characteristics

It should be noted that the subject is an educated person and has been active in the CP movement for many years. Information available in the subject's file in this office reveals that at times she has been considered a heavy drinker.

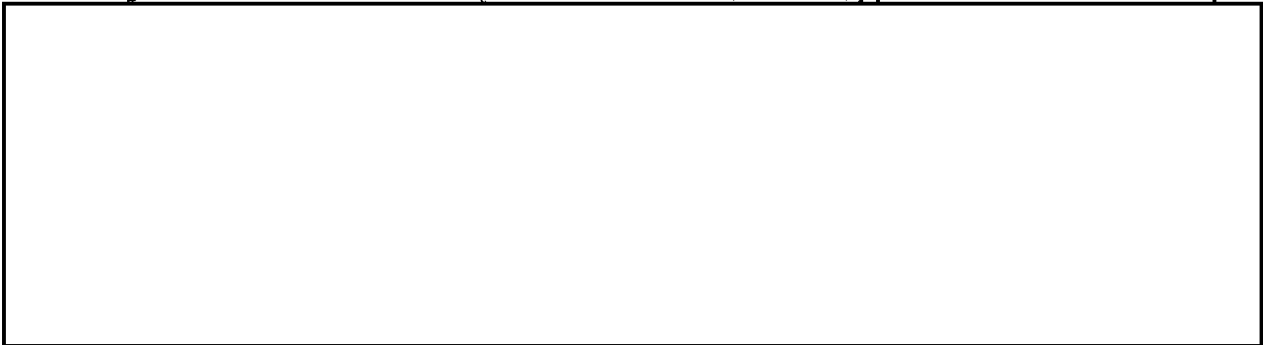
Letter to Director

NY [redacted]

Approach

The subject can be approached directly on the street after she leaves her place of employment, namely the [redacted] [redacted] on her return home in the evening, or can be directly approached as she departs from her residence, [redacted]

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Special permission is requested to directly approach the subject, as set out above, on or about 3/27/51.

SAC, New York [redacted]

March 2, 1954

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Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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Memorandum dated February 25, 1954.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible away from residence and place of employment.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with Mosley subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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Letter to Director

NY [redacted]

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

NY-694-S has advised that [redacted] has been a trusted CP member for 20 years or more. The informant was last acquainted with [redacted] activities in 1947, when [redacted] was a paid CP functionary working in the [redacted] the IWO. He worked closely with [redacted] the [redacted] the IWO. [redacted] according to the informant, was a close friend of [redacted] the CP [redacted]. The informant described [redacted] as "one of the original CP [redacted] who broke away from the old Socialist Workers Party and Workmen's Circle.

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In 1940, it was reported that [redacted] was a member of the [redacted] the IWO and that every member of this committee was an active member of the CP. In 1945, [redacted] was reported to be a member of the [redacted] appointed by the National Board of the Communist Political Association. In 1946, [redacted] was a member of the [redacted] of the NY State Committee of the CPUSA and was active as a member of the [redacted]. He was reported to have been a member of the [redacted] the CPUSA.

In 1947, [redacted] was reported to be active as a [redacted] CP and he [redacted] in the company of such important CP functionaries as HENRY WINTER, National Organizational Secretary of the CP.

[redacted] of the IWO, [redacted] was very active as a [redacted] and received considerable publicity in the [redacted] as a result of his numerous [redacted] before Communist front organizations. Among those with which [redacted] was associated, were the [redacted]

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During 1953, [redacted] was active in protest rallies sponsored by the IWO [redacted]

On 1/12/54, it was reported that [redacted] continues to be active on behalf of the [redacted] and frequently appears at the IWO [redacted]

Letter to Director

NY [redacted]

[redacted] This Committee continues to promote fund raising campaigns and is active in promoting litigation in the fight to prevent the liquidation of the IWO by the NY State Department of Insurance. The name of [redacted] is included in the Security Index.

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[redacted]

The Bureau is requested for authority to contact [redacted] in accordance with existing instructions relating to the Topler Program. It is planned that subject's approach, if authorized, will be made by two agents on the street after the subject has been surveilled a fair distance from his residence or place of employment. It is contemplated that such an approach will be made during the week of 3/18/54, circumstances permitting.

SAC, Detroit (66-3360)(100-16281)

February 25, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99)(100-342736)

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Reurlet dated February 18, 1954.

In view of the subject's present activity which indicates that he may not have any inclination to cooperate with the Government at the present time, further efforts to approach him under this program should be abandoned.

You should concentrate your efforts on other Tonley subjects and if in the future it appears an approach to Baxter should be made, you should resubmit your request, setting forth the reasons why you feel a contact should be made.

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Director, FBI (100-2-00)
(100-240736)

February 15, 1954

SAC, Detroit (67-3860)
(100-16381)

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RE: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

RE: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Attention: Asst. Dir. of Ident. & Insp. Div.

Rebulet, dated 2/11/54, and Detroit, Michigan, 2/11/54.

Enclosed for the Detroit Office are two copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above. The LHM is being prepared by the Detroit Office and is being furnished to the Detroit Office for its information and for its use in the event of a future investigation. The LHM is being prepared by the Detroit Office and is being furnished to the Detroit Office for its information and for its use in the event of a future investigation.

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Very truly yours,
Special Agent in Charge

If it is necessary to advise the Bureau of any developments in this matter, please advise the Bureau by telephone or by letter.

To receive a copy of this letter, please advise the Bureau by telephone or by letter.

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SAC, New York [redacted]

February 25, 1954

Director, FBI [redacted]

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Reurlet dated February 16, 1954, concerning the above-named individual, in which you requested authority to interview [redacted] under the Torley Program.

It is noted that [redacted] is a former employee of the [redacted] of the Communist Party, USA, but he is now employed in a small store selling [redacted]

There is no indication at the present time that he is a high-level Communist, nor that he is actively engaged in underground activities.

[redacted] does not qualify for interview under the Torley Program, but in view of his background there is no objection to your contacting him under the Security Informant Program, and authority is granted to contact him in that regard. This interview should be conducted away from residence and place of employment under secure conditions.

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Director, FBI (100-3-99)
(ATT: Assistant Director A. H. BELMONT)
SAC, New York [redacted]

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[redacted] former employee of the [redacted]
[redacted] the CP, USA, has been selected as a person to
interview under the TOP LEV program.

I. PERSONAL BACKGROUND

[redacted] was reported born [redacted]
It is reported that he is a naturalized citizen, however, this
fact has not been verified.

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The "Morning Freiheit" issue of [redacted] contained an
article entitled, [redacted].
This article reflected the subject, whose work has been appearing
during the past 25 years in various [redacted]

[redacted] has been described as a president [redacted]
[redacted] and is presently employed at the [redacted]
[redacted] NY. This Center is a small store
selling [redacted].

Subject is reported married to one [redacted]. Infor-
mants have advised that [redacted] has suggested the [redacted]
[redacted]. Subject and his wife are reported to reside at [redacted]
[redacted] NY.

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II. COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

Since the middle 1920's, [redacted] is reported to
have been active in various [redacted]
[redacted] group in NYC as a [redacted]

Subject in 1943 was reported to be formerly an employee
of IWO as well as an employee of [redacted]
On [redacted] at a meeting which was held
under the auspices of CP [redacted] which meeting was held at
[redacted] NYC.

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Letter to Director

NY [redacted]

In 1944 he was employed by the [redacted] for [redacted] NYC. Subject was employed as a [redacted] [redacted]

In 1944 informants advised that [redacted] was a member of the [redacted] the CPA.

In January of 1947 [redacted] was reported to have [redacted]

An informant advised that the subject was [redacted] the CP, USA and his expense was being paid by the [redacted] Subject was reported to have been [redacted]

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The informant further advised that [redacted]

This informant further advised that the subject spent almost [redacted] of the CP that he had accomplished the task assigned to him.

[redacted] is reported to have stated that he had established permanent contact with the leadership of the most important Jewish organizations and that the activities of these organizations would be directed by the [redacted] the CP, USA. [redacted] the subject is reported to have [redacted] work for aid to the Soviet Union and [redacted] the distribution of the [redacted]

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A confidential informant of the NYO advised that [redacted] was one of the group that [redacted] reports around NY for the [redacted] during the summer of 1950.

In 1950 [redacted] was active in the [redacted] arm of the [redacted] the CP, USA.

Letter to Director

NY [redacted]

During 1950 and 1951, the [redacted]
[redacted] in connection with various Jewish
matters. [redacted] accepted an invitation to participate in
the [redacted] which was held
in NYC on [redacted].

III. PLAN OF APPROACH

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Bureau authority is requested for this office to
interview [redacted] during the week of March 8, 1954, circum-
stances permitting. Such a contact with [redacted] would be made when
he is on the street away from his home or employment and will
follow Bureau instructions concerning contacts with security
subjects.

Director, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: Asst. Director A.H. BELMONT
SAC, New York [redacted]
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Rebulet 1/7/54.

This will advise that [redacted] has not as yet been observed alone under conditions suitable for an interview under the TOPLEV Program.

A spot, check surveillance on 3/1/54 revealed that [redacted] continues to reside at [redacted] and that he works as a [redacted]

Work on the Lefro case has deferred efforts to contact [redacted] but it is believed that he will be contacted in the near future, and results of the interview forwarded to the Bureau by 4/8/54.

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MR. A. H. ELLISON

March 8, 1954

MR. S. J. DAUGARDILA

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

EXPENSE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C (100-2-52)

CC 702-2 (61-7005)

In the attached letter from Chicago dated February 26, 1954, it is pointed out that the informant on his trip to New York in January, 1954, instead of spending seven days there as anticipated remained fourteen days and, therefore, incurred expenses over and above the Bureau-authorized \$250. The informant spent a total of \$389.56, which is \$139.56 over the authorization. There is also attached a tickler copy of a memorandum from you to Mr. Ladd, dated January 7, 1954, recommending that authority be granted to send the informant on this trip and pay his expenses of approximately \$250. Approval was granted.

According to Chicago, when the informant got to New York his contacts in the national leadership of the Communist Party, USA, requested to see his wife, and the Bureau authorized her transportation to New York. During their stay in New York informant and his wife each day went to see William Weiner, National Communist Party Finance Man, who at that time was dying from cancer. Weiner has been one of informant's principal contacts in the National Communist Party. Weiner died on February 21, 1954, and informant made another trip to New York to attend the funeral.

With regard to the trip in January, Chicago has advised that the informant saw 10 separate individuals in and around the Communist Party National and District No. 2 leadership, and the extension of his trip resulted in his obtaining considerable valuable data, particularly from Betty Gonzon concerning the "New Party system of leadership" and the "New Draft Program of the CP," which have been furnished to the Bureau in separate communications.

It is believed that informant should be reimbursed for the additional expense as requested by Chicago.

ACTION

For approval, there is attached an appropriate airtel to Chicago authorizing reimbursement to the informant for his expenses, totalling \$139.56.

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Director, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: Asst. Director A. H. BELMONT
SAC, New York (100-114173)

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ARMEN MIRJANIAN, was
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Rebulet 1/21/54, approving an interview with ARMEN MIRJANIAN
under the TOPLEV Program.

Interview with ARMEN MIRJANIAN

On 3/1/54 ARMEN MIRJANIAN was surveillanced from his residence
at 105 Arden Street, NYC, and was approached in a secure location by
SAS ALFRED B. NOVAK and CHESTER A. REILLY. When MIRJANIAN was greeted
by name he acknowledged his identity, but immediately said in a loud
voice "Get away from me, I don't want to talk to you."

The agents exhibited their credentials and said "We are
agents from the FBI and would like to have a confidential talk with
you." MIRJANIAN excitedly replied in a very unfriendly voice "I know
who you are, and I told you to get away from me and leave me alone,
I have nothing to say to the FBI."

MIRJANIAN had continued walking during this exchange of
conversation, and after his last remark he ran between two parked
automobiles and through the stream of traffic going by, in an effort
to break off the conversation.

In view of MIRJANIAN'S very antagonistic attitude, no
further effort was made to follow MIRJANIAN to continue the interview.

MIRJANIAN is not being considered for recontact under the
TOPLEV Program at this time.

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Director, FBI

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There are transmitted herewith two copies of "Brief on Communism: Marxism-Leninism" prepared by the American Bar Association. This publication should be retained in your field office library in accordance with the provisions of SAC Letter No. 86 dated September 5, 1952.

In the event additional copies of this publication are required by your office for use in the captioned programs, they should be requested from the Chicago Office.

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NOTE: In view of the peculiarly legal manner in which this subject was treated by the American Bar Association, it was deemed advisable to let each office individually request any additional copies of this publication which may be required for use in connection with the Toplev and Security Informant Programs.

SAC, New York [redacted]

March 5, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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Reurlet dated February 26, 1954.

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ATTN: Director, FBI (100-3-99)
Asst. Director A. H. BELMONT
SAC, New York [redacted]

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[redacted] has been selected for an approach under
the TOPELV program in the New York Office.

Birth and Residence

[redacted] She resides
at [redacted] with her son, [redacted]
whose father is alleged to be [redacted] the second husband
of the subject, from whom she is apparently separated.

Education

Subject attended high school at [redacted] Arkansas, and
received an [redacted] in June 1924.

Marital Status

Subject married [redacted]
[redacted] the subject divorced [redacted]

On [redacted]
[redacted] occupation was listed as [redacted]
The date and place of the
marriage of the parents of [redacted] were not reflected in the
records of this birth.

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Employment

From [redacted] subject was employed as [redacted]
[redacted] in several states in the Midwest.

In [redacted] she was employed by [redacted]
[redacted]

From [redacted] subject was a [redacted]
[redacted] was made a member of the [redacted]
[redacted] During the years [redacted] while employed

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Letter to Director

NY [redacted]

as above mentioned, subject acted also as [redacted]
[redacted] However, during [redacted]
she was employed also as [redacted]
[redacted] in New York City.

In 1946 subject became associated as [redacted] b7D
[redacted] a Communist Party [redacted]
[redacted] subject became a member of [redacted]
[redacted] in Los Angeles, California, and con-
tinued [redacted]
[redacted] was employed as a [redacted]
[redacted] Los Angeles. On [redacted]
[redacted] in New York City.

In 1953 subject [redacted]
[redacted] in New York [redacted]

CP Activities

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[redacted] subject was a member of the CP in Washington,
D. C. and has continued as a member of the CP until the present
date. In [redacted]

[redacted] also became a member of
the [redacted]
[redacted] in the [redacted] subject stated
in [redacted] was
entitled [redacted]

On [redacted]
the [redacted] in Washington, D. C. [redacted] appeared
thereafter [redacted]

On [redacted] CPA headquarters
in Washington, D. C. in [redacted]
[redacted]

Subject attended the State Convention of the [redacted]
[redacted]

Letter to Director
NY [redacted]

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In [redacted]
[redacted] and devoted all of her time
to her work [redacted] subject
began to [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Letter to Director

NY [redacted]

While in Washington, D. C., subject had frequent contacts with the top functionaries of the CP [redacted] [redacted] subject was regarded by AL LANNON, who was then the District Organizer, CP District 4, [redacted] [redacted] During those years subject was also in close contact with such functionaries of the CP as JAMES BRANCA, Chairman, CPA, District of Columbia; LANNON, above mentioned; and ALBERT BLUIBERG.

CP Activities

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[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] became a member of the CP of Los Angeles County.

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Letter to Director

NY [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]
became active in the LACCP. [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] subject had frequent occasions to contact and consult with many of the top functionaries of the LACCP.

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CP Activities

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Subject is presently employed by the [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

Subject in [redacted]

[redacted] ROBERT and JULIUS ROSENBERG. In connection with the [redacted]
[redacted]

Subject in 1953 communicated with JACOB STACHEL and ARNOLD JOHNSON, both of whom are convicted CP leaders. She has been in regular contact with the open leaders of the CP, USA, such as BETTY GANNETT.

Activities With CP Front Groups

In [redacted] the American Council on Soviet Relations and as such was praised for her work by CORLENE TAMONT, National Chairman, ACSR, for her outstanding achievements in promotional work.

Letter to Director

NY [redacted]

Subject was a member of the [redacted]
[redacted]

Subject was reported as a member of the [redacted]
[redacted]

Subject attended a meeting in [redacted] and
several affairs in [redacted] all sponsored by the Los Angeles
[redacted]

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Subject attended affairs in [redacted] sponsored
by the [redacted] in
Los Angeles.

Other CP front groups [redacted] are Negro Labor
Council, American Youth for Democracy, American Peace Mobiliza-
tion, Abraham Lincoln Brigade, American Spanish Aid Committee
and Civil Rights Congress.

In [redacted]
[redacted]

in New York City.

Approach

It is believed that if subject [redacted] were to be
cooperative with the FBI, she would be an excellent informant.
Authority is therefore requested to approach and interview
her under the TOLBY program. This interview will be made by
two agents assigned to the TOLBY program at a secure distance
from her residence and employment. If authority is granted for
such interview, it is anticipated that it will be conducted
during the week of 3/15/54.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) (100-363335)
ATTENTION: ASST. DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT
SAC, NEW HAVEN (66-3047-Sub A)

March 5, 1954

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Ref: Bureau letter to New Haven dated November 5, 1953.

On March 3, 1954, at approximately 7:30 a.m., [REDACTED]
was contacted by the Toplev Agents on the street in the vicinity
of his home.

[REDACTED] acknowledged the agents' identity, advised that he had
nothing to say, and refused to listen to anything that was said to
him.

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[REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that immediately after the
termination of the interview, [REDACTED] had officially advised the
Communist Party of his contacts with agents of the FBI.

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Director, FBI (100-3-99)

SAC, Seattle (66-2135)

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Attention: Assistant
Director, A. H. BELMONT

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BACKGROUND

[redacted] of the caucasian race was born
at [redacted], he being the son of

[redacted]

On [redacted] married

[redacted]

There is no record that subject has ever served in the
military forces of this or any other country.

At the present time [redacted] resides with his family at
[redacted] Wash., and is employed by [redacted]

[redacted]

During 1947 [redacted] was employed as a [redacted] for
the [redacted] From 1948
to the present time he has worked for [redacted]

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During the year 1943 he was employed as a [redacted]

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As was pointed out above, subject is married and resides
with his wife [redacted] Wash.
There is no indication that subject's family are in any way active
in the Communist Party and/or communist front organizations.

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PERSONALITY

There is no indication that subject has any particular personality deficiencies requiring medical attention. He is believed to be an aggressive, extrovert type of person.

HOBBIES

Other than his Communist Party and communist front activities [redacted] is known to have no other hobbies or vocational interests in which to indulge during his leisure hours.

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

On December 19, 1947, subject was reported by [redacted] to be a member of the Communist Party. The membership of subject in the Communist Party was again confirmed on July 18, 1950, by [redacted]

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During the year 1940 there was indication that subject was active in Communist Party activities. On August 14, 1944, a reliable informant stated that subject was [redacted] Communist Party. During the years 1945 through 1948 this subject attended a great many meetings of the Communist Party and took a very active part in the affairs of the said party. On [redacted]

[redacted] Great Northern Railroad put out by the Communist Party which was entitled "Here is the First Line of Defense of American Freedom -- Defense of the Communist Party, Now, Now is the Time to Halt This Drive".

He is familiar with the revolutionary objectives of the Communist Party, it having been reported by [redacted] that at a meeting on [redacted] which subject attended, that [redacted] declared "America would need a revolution to get back what the American loving people of this country had lost during the war".

Se 323-S advised that subject's name appeared on a list of students at a full time school sponsored by the Communist Party which was held at the Swedish Club at 8th and Olive Streets in Seattle in 1946 at which school MAX WEISS, National Educational Director of the Communist Party, was the instructor.

Not only has he been exceptionally active in the Communist Party but he has also participated in the affairs of the Progressive Citizens of America during 1947, which organization was cited as being

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communist dominated by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in their report of 1947 and 1948. He has attended various functions sponsored for the purpose of raising funds and securing subscriptions for the PEOPLE'S WORLD, which paper is generally recognized as the West Coast organ of the Communist Party.

He has also been active in the affairs of the Civil Rights Congress and on September 2, 1953, he attended a meeting sponsored by the PEOPLE'S WORLD at the Finnish Hall in Seattle, Wash., to hear a speech by one JOSEPH CLARK and TERRY PETTUS, the latter being one of the recently convicted Smith Act subjects in the Northwest area.

It might be pointed out here that subject's employer, [redacted] for some period of time in the past, although not at the present time, was active in the Communist Party and has on occasion [redacted]

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[redacted] by the Party at various times in different locations in the Seattle area. [redacted] is believed to be a close friend of HENRY P. HUFF, Chairman of the Communist Party for the State of Washington, who was recently convicted for violation of the Smith Act.

FACTIONALISM

There is no indication that the subject has ever been involved in factionalism. He is believed to be held in high regard by the leaders of the Communist Party in this area.

FINANCES

Subject is believed to have no independent source of income and depends for his livelihood on the efforts of his work in the building trades.

WOMEN

Subject has a family and there is no evidence indicating that he is currently associating with any women other than his wife.

REACTION TO THE HARBORING STATUTE

Subject has not been approached in this regard and if the Bureau authorizes a contact with him the provisions of

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the Harboring Statute will be called to his attention and his aid will be solicited in the matter of identifying photographs of fugitives presently being sought by the Bureau.

KNOWLEDGE OF THE UNDERGROUND

To date there is no indication that subject is participating in any way in underground activities and his attendance at meetings of communist front groups is most circumspect. He is in a position however to be utilized by the Communist Party Underground and it is not at all improbable that he is seeking to lose himself from open active participation in the Communist Party and its fronts in the manner in which he previously did so that if the occasion would require it the Communist Party Underground could utilize his services.

ASSOCIATES

Subject in the past has been on friendly terms with HENRY P. HUFF, Chairman; CLAYTON Van LYDEGRAF, Organizational Secretary; and TERRY PETTUS, Editor, Northwest Edition PEOPLE'S WORLD, all of whom have been recently convicted for violation of the Smith Act in Seattle, Wash.

CRIMINAL RECORD

The F.B.I. record on subject under number [redacted] reflects no criminal record but does reflect a record of subject's application for employment in defense areas during the last world war.

DESCRIPTION

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The referenced F.B.I. record sets forth the physical description of subject as follows:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	[redacted]
Weight	165 lbs.
Height	5' 9"
Hair	[redacted]
Eyes	[redacted]
Complexion	Fair
Build	Medium
Scars	[redacted]

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Social Security No. [redacted]
FBI No. [redacted]
Marital status Married
Education [redacted]

Present address [redacted] Wash.
Present occupation [redacted]
Relatives [redacted]

Father, [redacted]

Mother, [redacted]

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HEALTH STATUS

There is no indication that subject has any health deficiencies at the present time.

APPROACH

It is planned to approach the subject when he is going to or returning from his employment on some job being handled by [redacted] in Seattle, Wash. A surveillance will be maintained on subject with a view of making the approach in a discreet manner with all due regard to security. Agents will courteously identify themselves to subject and advise him of their desire to have him help them in a matter of mutual interest. It is planned to conduct a bit of small talk with subject with the idea of putting him at ease as much as possible and some current news item will be commented upon in order to get his reactions.

It is the plan of agents to inform subject of the Bureau's jurisdiction as well as the provisions of the Harboring Statute. In connection with this, agents will show to subject various identification orders on fugitives being sought by the Bureau. An effort will be made to ease into a discussion of nazism, fascism and communism with subject and an effort will be made to have him cooperate in furnishing information about nazi or fascist activities if he possesses same, and if he does this it will be followed up to enlist his help in connection with communist activities.

While there is no indication that subject has in any way defected from the Communist Party and as it appears that he continues to be active in front organizations, it is felt that if he were in the mood to cooperate that he could become a very valu-

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able informant for this office. Consequently, the Bureau is respectively requested to authorize an interview with this subject to be within a period of sixty days or less depending on condition of other TOPLEV work.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI (100-3-99)(100-2399)

DATE: 3/4/54

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SUBJECT: SAC, Newark

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Rebulet 12/28/53.

Plans to recontact subject were based on belief that he should know that he was talking to FBI Agent for certain. It was not expected that he would cooperate in any event.

It is now felt that his refusal to stop for interview was because he realized that he was being approached by Special Agents. His attitude was ugly.

Under these circumstances, we would not be justified in expending further effort to contact him under this Program.

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Remylet dated December 22, 1953.

On February 18, 1954, it was ascertained through CG 5915-S* that [redacted] was at her residence at approximately 12:30 P.M. A fixur was established shortly thereafter by SAs [redacted] and CHARLES W. COLGLAZIER.

At approximately 3:15 P.M., [redacted] was observed departing from her residence at [redacted] and proceed on foot to the south and the area of the surveillance. She was carrying a shopping bag and was apparently contemplating neighborhood shopping as no effort was made to get in her car which was parked near her apartment entrance.

As she exited the apartment and inasmuch as no one was in the immediate vicinity to jeopardize a contact, she was approached by SA COLGLAZIER. MRS. [redacted] was called by name and stopped momentarily as the agent advised her of his identity. Immediately upon learning the agent's identity, [redacted] countered with "I don't want to talk to you. I have nothing to say," and started walking hurriedly back to her apartment door entrance. She was assured by the agent that it was unnecessary that she make any statement but that the agent desired only five minutes of her time to discuss a confidential matter which could be of considerable interest to her. [redacted] only answer was to glare at the agent and to enter her apartment as quickly as possible. Contact lasted less than a minute.

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CG 5915-S* advised that shortly after the above contact, [redacted] in an apparently perturbed frame of mind, contacted WILLIAM SENNETT and expressed a desire to see him about an urgent matter that evening. It is possible that [redacted] initially thought she was being considered for apprehension as a Smith Act subject, however, no statements were made to her from which she could draw any such conclusion.

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Inasmuch as [REDACTED] was unwilling to engage in any conversation whatsoever with the agent and appeared apprehensive to the contact, it can only be assumed that she is a completely dedicated Communist. It is considered that further efforts to contact her in her present frame of mind would be fruitless, therefore, it is not recommended that she be recontacted at this time.

SAC, Chicago [redacted]

March 3, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-22) [redacted]

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Reurlet dated February 26, 1954.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible away from residence and place of employment.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with Koplev subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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The following data concerning [Redacted] is being submitted to the Bureau for consideration of a request to interview [Redacted] under the top-level program:

Background

[Redacted] and is the daughter of [Redacted] and [Redacted] who is reportedly mentally deficient.

While residing on the South Side of Chicago, [Redacted] attended [Redacted] from which she graduated with excellent grades. She is a member of the colored race.

[Redacted] secured office employment with [Redacted] UAW-CIO, and as [Redacted] of that Union and assumed employment as [Redacted] Chicago, which [Redacted]

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An informant has expressed the opinion that [Redacted] was given her job at [Redacted] because; (1) the Communist Party knew her to be competent and trustworthy, (2) she knows the printing business, and (3) friction between [Redacted] at [Redacted] UAW-CIO.

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In that regard it is noted that she [redacted]
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It has further been reported that since she took her position as [redacted] the Civil Rights Congress has been unable to have printing work done on credit as she demands payment in advance before printing the CRC material.

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[redacted] presently resides at [redacted] Avenue, a single family dwelling, which property was purchased by [redacted]

Communist Background

[redacted] was reported to have been a [redacted] in 1942 and during the same year [redacted] Communist Party.

In [redacted] the National Convention of the Young Communist League which organized the American Youth for Democracy. During the same year she was reportedly a member of [redacted] CP.

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On [redacted] [redacted] Communist Political Association, and from [redacted] attended a CP school at [redacted] Illinois, which was held to train party members for CP leadership. At this school she [redacted]
[redacted]

In 1946, she was [redacted] of the [redacted] CP, and during 1946-47 was a member of the [redacted]
[redacted]

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

RE: CP, USA, LOPEV;

CP, Negro Labor Commission.

On [redacted] at a CP Section Convention of the
Auto Section, [redacted]

[redacted] of the section, the name of which was
changed during the convention to the [redacted]

It has been reported that on [redacted]

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Plan of Approach

Surveillances have developed that [redacted] leaves her
place of employment around 5:30-6:30 a.m. and boards an East
bound streetcar on [redacted] Street, which she rides to [redacted]
Street. At [redacted] Street she proceeds south to [redacted] Street
where she gets off and proceeds to her residence at [redacted]
[redacted] on foot. It is contemplated that she will be
contacted at her transfer point, [redacted] Street, or
when she gets off the streetcar at [redacted] Street. It is con-
sidered, with respect to the information set out above, that
[redacted] may have possibly waived in her ideological ties to
the CP, particularly since [redacted].

Irrespective of that fact, however, it is considered
that her continued trustworthiness in the movement is a con-
tingency in retaining her present position. In the initial
contact an effort will be made to engage her in a conversation
on a confidential basis, explaining the Bureau's jurisdiction
in the security field, pointing up the failures of the CP
particularly insofar as it has failed to enhance the status
of the negro race, and attempting to obtain a commitment for
an exhaustive interview. Bureau authority is requested for
contact as outlined above.

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Rebulet dated 12/10/53 authorizing this office to directly contact [redacted] under the toplev program. (X) After several unsuccessful efforts to contact [redacted] with full security assured she was directly approached by SA [redacted] and SA EDWARD J. BUCKLEY on 2/24/54. On this date the agents instituted a physical surveillance at approximately 8:00 am on the residence of the subject located at [redacted] NYC. The agents observed the subject to depart from her residence accompanied by an unknown woman who appeared to be a neighbor of the subject at approximately 10:30 am. The subject was observed to return to her residence at approximately 11:30 am accompanied by two small children and another unidentified woman. At about 2:20 pm the agents observed the subject to be walking north on [redacted] Street in the direction of a play ground which was approximately two blocks from her residence. After determining that secure contact could be made with the subject, agents [redacted] and BUCKLEY directly approached [redacted] on the street and introduced themselves.

The subject immediately admitted her identity and upon observing the credentials exhibited by the agents she immediately stated "I don't want to speak to you I have nothing to say". The agents advised her that she was being given an opportunity to confidentially discuss information concerning subversive activities with the agents. She was advised that the interview would be maintained in confidence and for this reason she was not contacted at her residence or in the company of anyone else. The subject continued walking during the conversation and with a gesture of her hands, waved the agents off stating "your wasting your time I told you I have nothing to say". The agents advised her

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that in the event she decides to talk with the FBI, she could feel free to communicate with us at any time. In view of the sarcastic attitude of the subject no further contacts will be had with her.

Evaluation

When the agents directly approached the subject at the outset she seemed shocked but soon regained her composure and immediately remarked to the agents that she was not going to talk. The subject assumed a rather sarcastic attitude which indicated that no matter what the agents said she was not going to stop and talk to them. The subject assumed a typical Communist Party attitude and not engaging in conversation with the interviewing agents.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject not on SI. Subject has been interviewed under the Toplev Program and furnished information concerning his past activities. By letter dated January 11, 1954, the Bureau authorized future contacts with the subject to ascertain whether he could be developed as an informant.

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Rebuletts January 11, 1954 and January 20, 1954.

Bulet dated January 11, 1954, granted authority to continue con-
tacts with the above individual with a view towards developing him as a
security informant. It further directed that the Bureau be kept advised as
to the results of interviews with [redacted] and progress made.

Bulet of January 20, 1954 directs the submission of a report
containing the results of toplev interviews of [redacted] in form suitable
for dissemination. *N*

In view of authority granted to develop [redacted] as a security
informant, it would appear that dissemination of such information at this
time in a report concerning subject would jeopardize his future usefulness
as an informant.

It is suggested that it would be desirable to report such informa-
tion as furnished by [redacted] under the caption of the subject matter involved
through the use of channelizing memorandum to the appropriate files. The
Bureau is already in possession of data furnished by [redacted] concerning him-
self, although not in form suitable for ready dissemination.

In view of the above, if such a report as requested in Bulet of
January 20, 1954 is still desired, it is requested that this office be
further advised.

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Reurlet dated February 10, 1954.

Authority is granted to recontact [redacted] whenever feasible away from residence and place of employment.

In conducting this interview you should be guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with spy subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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ATTENTION: ASST. DIRECTOR
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Reference is made to Bulet dated 12/4/53, which granted authority to contact [redacted] whenever feasible away from his residence and place of employment.

INVESTIGATIVE AND SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Attention is also called to Seattle letter dated 1/29/54, in which it was pointed out that numerous efforts had been made to approach this subject in Seattle, Washington, during which time he would be leaving his home to go to work or returning to his home from work, however said efforts have met with negative results.

On 1/29/54, SA JOSEPH P. MAC FARLAND learned via the medium of a pretext telephonic conversation with subject's wife in Seattle that the subject recently obtained employment in [redacted] Washington. It was learned at this time that the subject usually left his home in Seattle [redacted] In other words, subject would drive to [redacted]

Information was also obtained on 1/29/54 from confidential sources in the [redacted] in Seattle to the effect that recently some Seattle [redacted] had been dispatched to the [redacted] area where they were employed in various concerns in [redacted] Washington.

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On 2/9/54, SA'S JOSEPH P. MAC FARLAND and [redacted] arrived in [redacted] Washington shortly after 5:00 P.M. On arriving in this area agents endeavored to locate the subject's 1953 automobile by checking at various parking lots adjacent to [redacted] This endeavor met with negative results on 2/9/54.

On 2/10/54, agents made contact at the [redacted] Washington, Post Office and the [redacted] Washington, Post Office, endeavoring to ascertain whether or not the subject had a mailing address in either town. No record whatever was located of the subject at either the [redacted] Post Office.

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Contact was had at the AF of L Labor Temple, more particularly with the Building Trades Council representative and the Carpenters Union, for the purpose of determining the location of [redacted]. This inquiry brought forth information that the gentlemen contacted had no information concerning the existence of a [redacted] and they suggested that probably a contact with some of the Shop Stewards at the [redacted] [redacted] might develop the information desired by agents.

Consequently, agents proceeded to the [redacted] and surveyed the parking lots in the area with the objective in view of locating subject's [redacted] car, but without avail. Consequently, agents contacted Mr. [redacted] of the [redacted] and he advised that subject was employed at the present time by the said company, having first assumed his employment there during the [redacted] advised that subject was employed on the day shift, starting work at 7:30 A.M. and quitting work at 4:30 in the afternoon. Responsive to agents' inquiry as to the manner in which subject would leave the plant he stated that all employees leave through the front gate of the plant at 4:30 P.M. Mr. [redacted] further advised that he did not have a local address of subject and that the records of his company revealed that subject lived at [redacted] Washington.

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Agents then maintained a surveillance of the front gate of the said plant during the noon hour with the view to endeavoring to effect a contact with subject at that time, but such a contact was not had in that subject did not make his appearance through the said gate. In the afternoon agents maintained a surveillance of the subject plant. At 4:30 P.M. the workers in the plant emerged in mass so that it was impossible to make any contact with subject on this occasion.

It was later ascertained that subject, along with another individual by the name of [redacted] had recently obtained work at the above mentioned plant in [redacted] Washington, and that individuals acquainted with [redacted] in said plant believed that he resided at the [redacted] No listing was found in the [redacted] directory or telephone book concerning the [redacted] so contact was again had at the [redacted] Post Office and it was ascertained that the [redacted] were located at the corner of [redacted]

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Agents immediately proceeded to [redacted] Streets, where they noted the [redacted] and immediately instituted a spot check surveillance in the area. No undue activity was noted about the area and agents then proceeded to check the tenant listings in the hallway of said [redacted] [redacted] It was noted that subject [redacted] occupied [redacted] within said [redacted]. Agents then surveyed the area of the second floor of

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said [REDACTED] was located and noted no undue activity whatever. Shortly before 5:00 P.M. agents noted down the second floor hall an individual resembling subject [REDACTED]. Inasmuch as all appeared to be very quiet in the hallway agents felt that an approach to this individual at this time would be secure. Accordingly, agents did approach this individual and asked him if he was Mr. [REDACTED] and he said, "I am. What can I do for you?"

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Agents then courteously identified themselves to this subject and he in turn gave both agents a warm handshake and said, "What do you want of me?" Agents then remarked that they desired to have a confidential discussion with him inasmuch as they were making inquiries that should not be known to any others and [REDACTED] said that it would be most proper to have said discussion in the hallway inasmuch as he was certain that no other individuals would be about at that time. Agents remarked to [REDACTED] that in the event he was not certain of this it would be easy enough to retire to agents' automobile which was parked a few feet down the street. [REDACTED] then again assured agents that any discussion to be had with him would be had in the hallway and he felt certain that it would be the most discrete place to talk.

Agents stated that they had come to him to secure his assistance as they knew that he was in a position to help his government in connection with a confidential investigation that was being made and he, [REDACTED] immediately stated that he did not know how he could be of any aid to the government. Agents then related to [REDACTED] the jurisdiction of the FBI in the field of crime and internal security and mentioned to him that by reason of his long affiliation with certain groups he was in the possession of information which would be helpful to his government. [REDACTED] countered that he was a member of [REDACTED] the International Association of Machinists. Agents assured [REDACTED] that they were not interested in activities of the said union and were making no inquiries concerning the said union or with respect to employee-employer relationships. Comment was then made to [REDACTED] that the government was interested in the activities of subversive organizations, fascist or communist, and that they were aware of the fact that he, [REDACTED] had been for a number of years identified as a member of the Communist Party. [REDACTED] immediately stated, "I have been a member of the Communist Party, but I am not a member of the Party at the present time. I dropped my membership in the Party upon the outbreak of the Korean War because I was confused and I am still confused and my present mood is even to drop my union affiliation." Agents then suggested to [REDACTED] that he was in an ideal position to be of service to his government in enlightening his government concerning the activities, the direct objectives of the Communist Party, and the extent of various activities of the Party with respect to the

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Party's aim to overthrow this government by force and violence. [REDACTED] then said, "I have never heard anything said about changing this government by force and violence in any meeting of the Communist Party which I attended. I was absolutely honest and sincere in my membership in the Communist Party because I, like many other members of the Party, believe that the Party was serving the cause of the working man in trying to bring about improved conditions for the workers. I would not have become a member of the Communist Party, nor would many other people I know in the Party, had I or they known that the Communist Party seeks to overthrow the government of the United States by force and violence. I believe that a change in this government if it is to be brought about can be effected through the ballot box. I have always believed and still do believe that the Communist Party never advocated the overthrow of the government of the United States by force and violence, and that any change they sought to effect for the benefit of the working class was to be effectuated through the ballot box. I cannot and would not give you any information about any of the people in the Communist Party because I do not want to injure them in any way. I told you at the outset that I did not want to talk with you and here I am conversing with you and I don't know why I am doing it."

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Agents assured [REDACTED] that their objective in contacting him was to secure his help and assistance as an expert in a field in which the government needed help and that anything that he said would not in any way cause any embarrassment or harm to any individual as he must readily know that the government probably is well aware of the identity of most of the members of the Communist Party. He was told that he could be of great service not only to his many friends and associates in the Communist Party, but the government as well, if he would freely and frankly discuss with agents the knowledge which he acquired concerning the activities and programs of the Communist Party as well as the personalities involved in the Communist Party as it was absolutely essential that the government know of the real feeling of the members of the Communist Party and the extent of their knowledge with respect to the program and activities thereof.

[REDACTED] stated, "I know that there were many people in the Communist Party just like myself who had no knowledge whatever that the Communist Party seeks to overthrow the government of the United States by force and violence. I do not know this to be a fact and I can recall that history relates that EUGENE V. DEBBS, a Socialist leader of other generations, and his followers were persecuted and prosecuted merely from political motives and it is my view at the present time that the hysteria that is present in our political life today savors of that which prevailed during the time of EUGENE V. DEBBS. I know that anyone who advocates the cause of labor and seeks to bring about improved conditions for the working man is subject to attack and it is for this reason that I will not say anything about anyone I know who is or has been a member of the Communist Party."

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Agents assured [REDACTED] that anything he would say would be regarded as secret and confidential and that he could be assured that the information which he would reveal concerning the identity of members of the Communist Party known to him would not be used and has never been used for the purpose of persecuting the person discussed.

[REDACTED] stated, "I do not know this, but there is one thing that I do know, that if I said anything about anyone and if that person made application for employment at Richland or in some other defense plant that person would be denied employment."

Agents assured [REDACTED] that he was in error in his thinking along that line and that he should regard his position as being that of trying to be of service to the people he knows in the Party as well as to the government by giving an honest estimate of his views as to their knowledge and sincerity and belief in the policy, program and tactics of the Communist Party.

[REDACTED] then reiterated, "I don't know why I am talking to you as I told you I did not want to discuss the Communist Party with you." b7D

Agents inquired of [REDACTED] as to the real reason why he left the Communist Party and he stated that he became confused and disgusted with the Communist Party and its policy in connection with the agitation which was carried on by the Party upon the outbreak of the Korean War. He stated that even today he would support any program even if it was fathered by the Communist Party or any other organization as long as the program sought to benefit the working man. He stated, "I was in the last depression and I suffered in the depression. I saw many others suffer during the depression. I must admit that I came out of the depression embittered and that is probably why I joined the Communist Party as it seemed to have a program which would advance the cause of labor and be of benefit to the people who suffered most during the depression."

Agents assured [REDACTED] that they were quite appreciative of the sincerity of his position and of the series of events probably occurring during the depression which ultimately led to his affiliation with the Communist Party. He was told that agents cannot very well understand why he wouldn't discuss fully, freely, and frankly the Communist Party and the membership makeup thereof if he was convinced in his own mind that the Communist Party was a legitimate organization functioning entirely to uplift the so-called working class. He then countered with the comment that he did

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not want to rat on anyone and he was told that in a discussion what passed between individuals could not in any way be considered ratting because it would be in the nature of conversation and he was assured that agents believed and felt that he had in the past discussed with other, probably in his union activity, the views and associates of others in the union to bring about the adoption of some program or policy and that agents and he, [REDACTED], could not consider that his action in this respect be considered ratting on the individuals he discussed with other union members.

[REDACTED] was assured that a strictly legitimate organization organized for the benefit of any segment of the population has no qualms about its program, activities, and membership becoming known to the government. He was told that by reason of the secretive manner in which the Communist Party carries on its activities it was necessary for the government to depend upon honest, sincere, truthful and trustworthy individuals to apprise it of the activities of the organization so that it could guard against the mass hysteria about which he complains. It was pointed out that reliable sources within the organization would enable the government to combat any misconceptions about the Communist Party, if in fact any misconceptions existed.

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He was told that there was really no hysteria as far as the government was concerned in its handling of matters pertaining to the Communist Party and that the leaders of the Communist Party as he must well know were recently tried by a jury in Seattle, as well as in other cities of the country, for a particular violation of the laws of the United States, which laws had been enacted by Congress. He was told that under this law, it was the function of the FBI to investigate and present the facts to the proper administrative officials of the government for such action as they deemed necessary. He was told that if he followed the prosecution he must have been impressed with the honest, open manner in which the trials were conducted by the government and he stated that he had some doubt with respect to that because it was his view that the government really tried to bring about a conviction of the defendants.

Agents assured Mr. [REDACTED] that his comment with respect to the efforts of the government to obtain a successful prosecution was true and that he must know that he would be one of the first people to criticize the government and the Department of Justice, generally, if it was sloppy in its prosecutive actions in connection with any violation of the laws of the United States.

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[redacted] again remarked to agents that all through his activities in and associations with the Communist Party and Communists he at no time recalled anything which would indicate that the Party in any way advocated the overthrow of the government of the United States.

Agents carefully explained to [redacted] that the Communist Party in the United States, as well as in many other countries, took its orders and directives from Moscow via different channels to the various and sundry countries where the Communist organizations were in effect. [redacted] immediately told agents that if he, himself, could be assured of this and was certain that the Communist Party in the United States was directed from Moscow he might feel that there was some danger to the activities of the Party in this country. He said that from all that he had read and learned he could not believe that this was true. He said, "I know you men could paint a rosy picture to this effect and quite possibly many individuals would swallow it, but I have been in the Party for many years and I at no time evidenced anything which would lead me to believe that the Party was operated by a foreign power. He also again told agents that he personally did not believe that the Party in Seattle to which he at one time belonged ever did advocate anything to the detriment of the United States Government.

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Agents remarked to [redacted] that quite possibly this could be true inasmuch as he might not have attended any meetings or gatherings where such might be evidenced. [redacted] stated that he, in addition to attending Communist Party meetings and gatherings, had attended some of the Communist Party schools in and around Seattle. He remarked, however, that he did not attend as many as the Party desired that he attend. He said, however, that while at the different schools he did not notice anything that would cause him to doubt the sincerity of the Party in helping the cause of the working man. [redacted] all through the interview appeared to be quite courteous and friendly and made no disparaging remarks concerning agents or the FBI as have so many individuals contacted in connection with this program.

Agents asked [redacted] if he desired to read some literature concerning the Communist Party and he said he would be more than glad to do so inasmuch as he desired to secure all facts that were possible. Agents then made available to [redacted] a pamphlet entitled "Slave Labor in the Soviet World." Agents felt that this pamphlet would be most appropriate for this subject inasmuch as it was put out by the Free Trade Union Committee of the AF of L. As pointed out above, [redacted] is and has been very active in the [redacted] of the AF of L for the past number of years. Agents also gave to [redacted] a flyer entitled "The Deadly Peril." [redacted] stated to the agents that he would carefully read the above-mentioned pamphlet and endeavor to ascertain desired facts from it.

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Intalking with [REDACTED] the subject of the HARRY DEXTER WHITE case came about and [REDACTED] remarked that he would like to be furnished the facts of this case and agents advised him that they would endeavor to secure same and make them available to him at the next contact. This request for information on the HARRY DEXTER WHITE case was predicated upon a comment made by [REDACTED] to the effect that he believed that all the hullabaloo about HARRY DEXTER WHITE was political in origin and that he did not believe that HARRY DEXTER WHITE was a spy. Agents offered to endeavor to secure for him the facts in this case and he then asked for the same, as is noted herein above.

The Bureau is respectively requested to furnish this office with a summary of the facts in the HARRY DEXTER WHITE case which might be discussed with him upon the occasion of the next contact if the same is authorized by the Bureau.

After agents had conversed with [REDACTED] for a period of over an hour he made a casual remark to the effect that he desired to partake of his evening meal inasmuch as he had things he desired to do in the evening. Agents thanked [REDACTED] for his time and told him that they would be most anxious to have the opportunity of conversing with him again and he, [REDACTED] said, "You gentlemen can come back and see me most any time, however as I have already told you I will not discuss Communist Party activities of any other individuals inasmuch as I do not desire to hurt any innocent people." At this time agents bid [REDACTED] farewell and he in turn gave agents a very warm handshake and appeared to be in a very jovial frame of mind.

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TIME OF INTERVIEW

The above-described interview with [REDACTED] was had between the 5:00 P.M. and 6:16 P.M., on February 10, 1954, at [REDACTED] Washington.

EVALUATION

Agents feel that this subject is not currently under the domination and control of Communist Party leaders inasmuch as he violated all directives issued by the Communist Party in that he, [REDACTED], spoke at some length with agents and made no denials whatever concerning his own activities and indicated that he would make himself available for future contacts. It is most apparent that this subject has a mind of his own and if he has been advised by the Party in the manner in which to act if and when contacted by representatives of the FBI he most assuredly totally disregarded said advice of Party leaders.

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There was no information available in the Seattle files to the effect that this subject has at any time been suspended or expelled by the Party and as pointed out above the subject merely dropped away from the Communist Party activities in Seattle of his own accord. The agents, of course, do not know whether or not the subject will really open up and fully discuss his activities in connection with other individuals involved, however agents do feel that he will again present himself for further interview and it is hoped that after having had an opportunity to consider the initial interview that he will be more friendly and feel more free to discuss his activities within the Communist Party in greater detail and at greater length.

Accordingly, Bureau authority is requested to contact this subject after a lapse of thirty to forty-five days.

SAC, New York [redacted]

March 1, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-59) [redacted]

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Reurlet dated February 11, 1954.

It is noted that [redacted] is employed as

[redacted]
in New York City and until recently he held a high position in the [redacted] when his status in that group was terminated by the New York State Department of Insurance pursuant to a decision of the New York courts.

According to referenced letter, in November, 1953, [redacted] appeared in public on the stage of a protest rally in New York City of the IWO [redacted]
[redacted]

Since [redacted] appears to be particularly active in connection with the IWO matter and in view of

[redacted]

You should continue to follow his activities and if at a later date you feel an approach to him should be made under this program, you should request your request, setting forth any additional data concerning his recent activities.

- Tolson _____
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- Belmont _____
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- Tracy _____
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RECEIVED COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Director, FBI (100-3-99)
(Att: Asst. Dir. A. H. BELMONT)
SAC, New York [redacted]

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[redacted] has been selected for an approach
under the Toplev Program.

Birth

[redacted] was born at [redacted]

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Residence

The subject resides at [redacted]
[redacted] NY.

Employment

The subject was employed with the [redacted]
[redacted] as a [redacted]
[redacted] He was previously employed as a [redacted]
in a restaurant, and a [redacted] He was at one time [redacted]
of a [redacted] area. For
several years he was employed as [redacted] the IWO in NYC.
Details concerning this employment are set forth below. [redacted]
advised on 12/23/53 that [redacted] was employed as [redacted]
[redacted] New York City.

IWO Activities

[redacted] has been a member of the IWO since at
least 1947 and has held various positions with the IWO, beginning
as [redacted] In 1949 he [redacted] the
[redacted] of the IWO in [redacted]

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In 1949 he [redacted]
[redacted] the IWO with headquarters in NYC. He held

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in conjunction with this the position of [redacted]
[redacted] the IWO. In these capacities in
the IWO he worked on committees, such as the [redacted]
[redacted] that
committee.

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In 1950 [redacted]

[redacted]

In connection with the proceedings of the NY State Insurance Commission against the IWO, which ultimately led to the dissolution of the IWO, [redacted] travelled to several of the larger cities in the interests of [redacted]

[redacted] On some of these visits to the other cities, informants have reported that [redacted] invariably contacted many officials of the CP.

[redacted] the IWO camps for children maintained by the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order in 1949.

[redacted] a conference on the proposed liquidation in Chicago, Illinois, on [redacted] [redacted] attended meetings of several lodges throughout the country during 1951 and 1952, where [redacted] the hearings conducted by the NY State Insurance Department in the proceedings against the IWO.

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On 3/1/53 [redacted] attended the Third Annual Negro History Week under the sponsorship of the Douglass Lincoln Fraternal Society, IWO, held in Chicago, at which he [redacted]
[redacted]

Letter to Director

NY [redacted]

An informant reported that on [redacted] attended a meeting of the IWO lodge in Chicago, where he

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On 11/16/53 [redacted] a protest rally of the IWO Policy Holders Protection Committee held in NYC.

On 12/15/53 [redacted] status as a functionary of the I.O was terminated by the NY State Department of Insurance, along with other functionaries, pursuant to a decision of the NY State Appellate Division on that date.

CP Membership and Activities

[redacted] has been a member of the CP since at least 1944. In 1947 his membership card was made available to the New Haven Office.

[redacted] was a member of the CP [redacted] and attended meetings in New Haven, Hamden, and Hartford, Connecticut. [redacted] the CP [redacted] He advocated teaching the membership in the Marxist manner rather than in a mechanical way. In 1944 the subject was reported as having attended a [redacted] meeting of the CPA in New Haven. He has been reported to have attended CP meetings in several cities in Connecticut and has [redacted]

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An informant advised that [redacted] was present at a special meeting of the [redacted] of the CP held

[redacted]

Letter to Director

NY [redacted]

[redacted]

On 7/16/48 [redacted] was present at the opening session of the State Convention of the CP of Connecticut held in New Haven, Conn., and he was also present at the session on 7/17/48.

The subject was reported to have attended educational classes of the CP in New Haven in 1947. While he was in Connecticut, the subject was in direct contact with the State CP officials on frequent occasions.

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It was reported that [redacted] attended a CP school in NYC during 1948 while he was a member of the [redacted] [redacted] the CP in New Haven.

In 1948 the subject [redacted] Section Convention of the CP in New Haven. He also attended a 1948 meeting of the [redacted] the CP in New Haven.

It was reported that at this latter meeting the subject showed some disillusionment when he complained of so many CP members who were Charvenists. At that time he said that he remained a member of the CP only because the national policy of the CP held out something in the way of liberation for the Negro people. He commented that the CP in Connecticut said one thing and would do another thing. He stated that he was hurt because the CP did not contribute to his financial problems when he attended an educational school in NY, when the CP said it was broke. The implication could be drawn from this that [redacted] might have felt that the CP could have paid him some money if they wanted to do so.

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Knowledge of the Aims and Purposes of the CP

At a meeting of an educational class of the CP in [redacted]

Letter to Director

NY [redacted]

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CPUSA Underground Connections

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[redacted] were significant in the investigations of the CPUSA underground operations. At [redacted] met other CP officials, some of who were from states other than NY. In [redacted] [redacted] may have been at one or more of [redacted] according to informants.

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In [redacted] attended a meeting of [redacted] in Cleveland, at which were present CP members who held positions of state CP level. This meeting concerned the recommendations of the National Negro Commission of the CP, the Negro Labor Council in Ohio, and the Progressive Party. At this meeting [redacted]

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On 2/4/54 agents of the NYO observed [redacted] in the company of PETTIC PERRY and an unidentified Negro woman in a restaurant on 7th Avenue, NYC, near the headquarters of the NY State CP. At the time PERRY entered the restaurant, he was carrying a brown envelope in his hand. When PERRY emerged from the restaurant he did not have this envelope. It was noted that [redacted] was then carrying this envelope.

On 2/4/54 NY 693-S* advised that [redacted]

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NY [redacted]

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On 2/5/54 the same informant advised that [redacted]

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CP Meeting, [redacted] NY

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On [redacted] was reported to have attended a
CP meeting held at [redacted] NY. According to

[redacted]

CP Front Groups

During 1950, 1951, and 1952, [redacted] participated
on several occasions in the activities of front groups, such
as the [redacted]

[redacted]

Third Party Activities

While in [redacted] was active in the

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[redacted] the Third Party National Convention in
Philadelphia in July, 1948.

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Letter to Director

NY [redacted]

Informants have reported that CP meetings and meetings of other groups have been held at [redacted] on several occasions during the past two years.

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Approach

In view of the connection between [redacted] and the CPUSA underground operations and in view of his past activities in the CP and in the IIC and front groups, it is believed that [redacted] would make an excellent informant if he proved cooperative.

Authority is therefore requested to interview [redacted] under the Toplev Program. He will be approached away from his residence and place of employment by two agents assigned to the Toplev Program. It is anticipated that this approach will be made sometime during the week of 3/1/54.

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March 2, 1954

Director, FBI [redacted]

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SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM

[Handwritten signature]
Reurlet dated February 24, 1954.

It is noted that [redacted] is a former member of the [redacted] the Communist Party and a former employee of [redacted] in New York City.

According to referenced letter, there is no recent information indicating that he is active in the Communist Party at the present time on a high level, nor that he is connected actively with the underground.

Authority is not granted to contact him under the Tonley Program, but in view of his past activities, authorization is granted to interview him under the Security Informant Program.

This interview should be conducted in accordance with previous instructions relating to the Security Informant Program.

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Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]
Attn: Asst. Dir. A. H. BELMONT
SAC, New York [redacted]

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[redacted] former member of the [redacted]
[redacted] the CP, and former employee of [redacted]
[redacted] in NYC, has been selected as a person to interview under
the TOBLEV program.

Personal Background

[redacted] the son
of [redacted] Subject is reported to have
had two years of high school training, and thereafter received
three years of training at the [redacted]
[redacted] Subject's file indicates that he has been regularly
employed as a [redacted] and
[redacted] and NYC.

It is noted that during World War II subject was placed
in a 4F classification due to a medical report which indicated
that he had frequent asthmatic attacks, and was generally in
poor physical condition.

On [redacted] married one [redacted]
[redacted] NY.

It is noted that [redacted] was active in the CP affairs
in NYC prior to her marriage to the subject, and was in 1947
a [redacted] NY County CP.

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At the present time the subject is residing at [redacted]
[redacted], NY, with his wife and [redacted]
[redacted]

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Letter to Director
NY [redacted]

CP Background

In 1941 the subject was reported as a member of the [redacted] In 1943, [redacted] according to informants, was [redacted]

In the latter part of 1943 a [redacted] informant advised that with the dissolution of the Young Communist League and the formation of the AYD, subject's activity shifted into the CP proper, where he then became a member of the [redacted] of the CP. At this time, while in [redacted] he was carried as a member of the [redacted] of the CPA, as well as being [redacted] the CP at [redacted]

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In 1944, [redacted] in the [redacted] Field Division, and was then a member of the [redacted] the CPA. Prior 1944, he was listed as [redacted] the CPA.

In May and June of 1944, subject, as a member of the [redacted] attended the District Convention of the CPA, [redacted]

In 1944, subject was in attendance at educational classes at CPA [redacted]

In [redacted], informants advised subject came to NYC and was for a short time employed at [redacted]

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In 1945, subject was [redacted] the CP in NYC.

In 1946, [redacted] was reported as a member of the [redacted] NYC, and in that same year was reported to have been sent to the [redacted] the CP to aid in re-registration of delinquent members for that club.

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In 1948 and 1949, [redacted] was employed at [redacted] NYC, which [redacted] took part in the 1949 May Day Parade in NYC, and in 1950, [redacted]

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In September of 1953, a fellow employee of the subject at [redacted] advised that subject is a member of the [redacted]

Although at the present time it is not known that [redacted] occupies any office in the CP, it is believed that from his background in the leadership in the CP in [redacted] the fact that he was employed by the [redacted] NYC, and his recent CP activities in connection with petitions, that he is still in sympathy and probably working for the CP.

From subject's contact with the leadership of the Party in [redacted] and contacts with the CP members in the [redacted] it is believed that he would be in a position to furnish top level information should he be willing to cooperate.

Plan of Approach

Bureau authority is requested for this office to interview [redacted] during the week of March 8, 1954, circumstances permitting. Such an interview would be conducted on the street when subject is alone and a secure distance away from his residence or employment. The interview would follow existing Bureau instructions applying to interviews with security subjects.

Director, FBI (100-3-99)
ATTN: Asst. Dir. A. H. BELMONT
SAC, New York [redacted]

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Rebulet 1/11/54 granting authority to contact subject.

Spot surveillances to interview [redacted] have been conducted in the vicinity of her residence and employment on 2/10, 11, 16, 23 and 24/54 with negative results in an effort to interview her.

Subject was observed in the vicinity of the Jefferson School on the morning of 2/11/54 but she was in the company of another unidentified woman and an opportunity to interview her did not present itself.

Further efforts will be made to interview subject and if she is not interviewed before 4/11/54 the Bureau will be advised as to the reason why the interview has not been conducted and when the contact will be made.

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ReBulet 1/21/54 authorizing a contact with [redacted]
under the Toplev program.

Interview with [redacted]

On 2/12/54 [redacted] who is known as [redacted]
was observed to leave his residence at [redacted]
[redacted] NY. He was surveilled to a secure location
where he was approached by SAS [redacted] and CHESTER A.
REILLY with SA ALFRED B. NOVAK observing the interview. [redacted]
immediately acknowledged his identity when approached by the
agents who identified themselves by exhibiting their credentials.
[redacted] was advised that he was being given the opportunity to
have a confidential talk with agents of the FBI and that a Bureau
car was available in the event he was willing to enter it to be
driven to his place of business. He was advised that no one knew
that he was being approached and that he was being contacted in
this manner in order to avoid him embarrassment at his residence
or place of employment. [redacted] replied that if the agents
wanted to talk to him any conversation would have to be at his
office. He declined the offer to be driven to his place of
employment saying that he preferred that any conversation take
place at his office.

It was pointed out to [redacted] that if the agents
interviewed him at his place of employment others would know
of the conversation and the confidential nature of the meeting
would be lost. [redacted] continued to shake his head saying, "I will
only talk to you at my office. If you want to talk to me there

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that is all right with me." It was suggested to [redacted] that he was being contacted in the event he no longer wanted to work within the CP and had become disillusioned with its principles. [redacted] then replied, "If that is why you want to talk to me I have nothing to say to the FBI. I am not interested in talking to you at all." [redacted] then insisted that he had an important engagement which he had to keep and he started to walk toward a subway entrance. The agents followed for a short distance attempting to engage him in conversation but [redacted] continued to shake his head and refused to answer any questions put to him.

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In view of [redacted] uncooperative attitude no further consideration is being given at this time for a recontact with him under the Toplev program.

SAC, New York [redacted]

February 25, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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Reurlet dated February 19, 1954.

Since it has not been possible to contact [redacted] in accordance with toplev procedure, efforts to interview him under the program should be discontinued and you should concentrate your efforts on other toplev subjects.

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Rebulet, 12/29/53, granting authority to interview

The "New York Times" of [redacted] contains an article
entitled [redacted] This article
sets out that [redacted]

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article set out that [redacted]

It is noted that [redacted] was a result
of his refusal to answer questions concerning membership in the CP.
This article reported that [redacted]

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The "New York Teacher News", dated [redacted]
column one, contained an article [redacted]
and sets forth the entire statement
by [redacted] in which [redacted]

Inasmuch as [redacted]
is receiving considerable publicity, it is not deemed advisable
at this time to interview [redacted], and HADD he will not be
contacted until [redacted] has been
completed. If this interview has not been conducted within
60 days, the Bureau will be advised as to the reason why the
interview has not been conducted, and when this office anticipates
conducting the interview.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 3/1/54

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FROM : FBI, Philadelphia (66-3824)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, TOPLEV
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ATTN: Assistant Director A. H. BELMONT

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The statistics for the Philadelphia Office in the Toplev program during month of February, 1954, are as follows:

Those interviewed during February are [redacted]

Authority has been received to contact [redacted] and [redacted] Numerous attempts to contact [redacted] have resulted negatively to date. (See mylet dated 2/16/54 re [redacted])

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The file review has been completed on [redacted] and a letter will be dictated soon requesting authority to interview. File review is in progress for [redacted] It is anticipated that [redacted] will be interviewed only if [redacted] is used to testify in the Philadelphia Smith Act trial scheduled to begin [redacted]

An anonymous source, of known reliability, continues to furnish information regarding the CP Underground which he receives through [redacted] [redacted] making interviews with the [redacted] inadvisable.

Interview with [redacted] would probably expose [redacted] and cause her to flee from her present residence. This interview is, therefore, being indefinitely delayed.

Letters requesting authority to interview [redacted] as set out above, will be the final letters of request under this program from the Philadelphia Division.

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Reurlet dated March 4, 1954.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted]
[redacted] whenever feasible away
from residence and place of business.

In conducting this interview you should be
guided by existing Bureau instructions relating to
interviews with Toplev subjects.

Advise Bureau results of contact and if it
is not possible to approach the subject within 60 days,
the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the
contact has not been made and when you anticipate
conducting the interview.

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In connection with the Toplev program in this office, [redacted]
[redacted] presently implicated in the CP underground
operation in this area, has been selected for approach under the Toplev
program.

BACKGROUND

The subject was born on [redacted] Pennsylvania. His
parents, [redacted]

[redacted] is of the white race.

He has been married [redacted]
[redacted] Pennsylvania and [redacted]

The subject and his wife have [redacted]
[redacted] continues to reside
at [redacted] and he has moved to
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[Large redacted block]

He is currently [redacted]
[redacted] New York City.

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The subject's wife, [redacted] is a housewife with no known employment.

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COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY

In 1942, [redacted] at the [redacted] was identified using the name of [redacted] who distributed literature of the CP at [redacted]. In May, 1942, [redacted] was interviewed by a Special Agent of the Cincinnati Office in regard to the above allegation. [redacted] admitted that he had distributed literature of the CP but denied that he then was, or had been in the past, affiliated with any organization which is "harmful to the interests of our government or our country". He did admit membership in the American Peace Mobilization.

Later in 1944, [redacted] was identified by a highly reliable and confidential source as a member of the [redacted] the CP, who was then on leave to the army.

[redacted] advised in 1949 that [redacted] and his wife, [redacted] had, in their apartment, numerous books dealing with Communism and Marxism.

[redacted] has been identified as [redacted] to the CRC.

In addition to the above information, it is to be noted that in the [redacted] California, at the time of arrest of [redacted] two pair of contact lenses were found. One of the pair of lenses found was manufactured by the George H. Butterfield and Son Co., 429 SW Park Avenue, Portland, Oregon, [redacted]

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[redacted] indicated as [redacted]

An anonymous source having recent access to [redacted] furnished photographic copies of the personal records belonging to [redacted]. Among the records furnished were [redacted] relating to the [redacted]

[redacted]. It has been ascertained that the [redacted] anonymous source could not be for the [redacted] California.

Miss [redacted] and sister to [redacted], advised that the only person known to her by the name of [redacted] who is also acquainted with [redacted] is [redacted] who resides and has his offices at [redacted]. She stated that [redacted] is a

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NY [redacted]

[redacted] as well as a personal friend of [redacted]. She stated that to her knowledge, [redacted] does not wear contact lenses, but does wear regular glasses. She also advised that [redacted]

[redacted] the lenses found at [redacted] failed to reflect any that were identical. Miss [redacted] related that she has worked for [redacted] for approximately three years and has never been given any reason to question his loyalty to the United States.

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The anonymous source, previously mentioned, also advised that among the [redacted] Harbary subject, IRVING COPE. The anonymous source furnished photostatic copies of [redacted] of each of the above, but none appeared to be identical with the [redacted]

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY OF SUBJECT'S RELATIVES

[redacted] father, now deceased, identified as a member of various organizations declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] mother, reported by informant, of known reliability, as a member of the [redacted] CP, USA, [redacted] in 1946.

[redacted] in 1948 identified as a member of the [redacted] CP, USA, [redacted] by an informant, of known reliability.

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[redacted] identified as a member of the [redacted] CP, USA, [redacted] in 1947.

[redacted] also identified as a member of the [redacted] the CP.

MISCELLANEOUS

As previously set forth, the subject recently [redacted] It is to be noted that the apartment house located at [redacted] is owned by [redacted] [redacted] the convicted CP leaders, of violation of Smith Act of 1940.

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PLAN OF APPROACH

In view of the subject's apparent personal and professional association with the CP underground together with his knowledge of the identity of the [REDACTED] whose contact lenses were found at [REDACTED] California, it is believed that contact with the subject may be worthwhile from the standpoint of endeavoring to develop him as an informant.

It is believed that he can be discreetly contacted on the street after he departs from his office at [REDACTED] sometime during the day. Every effort will be made to engage him in a friendly conversation for the purpose of developing him as an informant if at all possible. SA HENRY F. ALSTON, [REDACTED] case, will accompany Toplev Agent on interview.

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Bureau permission is requested to authorize this office to make a direct approach to him on or about March 29, 1954.

SAC, NEW YORK
ATT: SECURITY MATTER SECTION

March 10, 1954

DIRECTOR, FBI

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

TOP LEV (100-3-99)

SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM (66-2542-3)

Reurlet 2/19/54, requesting two hundred copies of publications forwarded your office for use in the captioned programs.

Since the supply of these publications is limited there are being forwarded herewith twenty-five copies of the following publications requested in relet: "You Can't Win," "Slave Labor in the Soviet World," "The Deadly Parallel," "What America Means to Me," and "The Negro in American Life."

While not requested in relet, twenty-five copies of each of the following publications are also being transmitted herewith: "Forced Labor in the Soviet Union" and "Where Are They Now?"

Additional copies of the following publications are not available at present but arrangements have been made to obtain them and they will be forwarded your office immediately upon receipt in the Bureau: "American Labor Unions," and "Breaking the Communist Spell."

Attachments

1 - J. D. Donohoe

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

The Crime Records Section is reproducing copies of "Breaking the Communist Spell." Mr. [redacted] of the United States Information Agency (USIA) has advised SA J. F. Condon of Central Research Unit, that copies of "American Labor Unions" are available but have to be obtained from USIA offices overseas.

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Director, FBI
Att: Assistant Director ALAN H. BELMONT
SAC, New York [redacted]

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Rebulet 1/25/54 submitting copies of three pamphlets which the Bureau suggested using in interviewing Communist Party members. These pamphlets were entitled "The Negro in American Life," "American Labor Unions" and "Breaking the Communist Spell."

Previously, the Bureau had supplied the New York Office with copies of four other pamphlets for similar use. These pamphlets were entitled "You Can't Win," "Slave Labor in the Soviet Union," "The Deadly Parallel" and "What America Means to Me."

The Security Matter Section of the New York Office has found that these books have proved very valuable, not only in the interview of subjects, but to augment the training of the newer Agents assigned to this Section in the handling of interviews. These booklets have provided valuable arguments for the Agents to use in conducting their interviews, not only in the Security Informant Program, but also in the interviews conducted in the regular Security Matter case.

In one instance the subject interviewed under the Security Informant Program was turned from his sympathy with the Communist Party partially through the reading of these pamphlets and, at present, is potentially a very valuable security informant.

Only a limited supply of these booklets were allocated to the Security Matter Section because of the needs of other Sections in the office and, because they had been used in conducting the interviews, the supply has dwindled. Therefore, it is requested that the Bureau, if possible, forward to the New York Office, for the attention of the Security Matter Section, two hundred copies of each of the pamphlets.

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March 10, 1954

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According to previous instructions, you are submitting progress letters on this informant each month in addition to a summary every three months when additional authorization to make payments to the informant is requested by your office.

It appears that the informant is progressing satisfactorily and monthly progress letters are not necessary at this time.

Authority is granted to discontinue the monthly progress letter, and when requesting continuation of payments for the informant you should be certain to include in summary fashion all pertinent information obtained by the informant and, particularly, plans for his future development.

Any matters of immediate interest should, of course, be furnished to the Bureau by airtel or teletype, dependent upon the individual circumstances in each case.

You should, of course, continue to personally supervise the development of this individual to obtain the maximum benefit from his services.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: February 24, 1954

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: CP, USA, TOPLEV
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ATTENTION: Assistant Director
A.H. BELMONT

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Rebuletts April 7 and 17, 1953.

Buletts: Set forth hereinafter is the information requested in referenced

I. Names of Toplev subjects being investigated preparatory to authority to interview.

None.

II. Names of subjects on whom authority to interview has been received:

LOS ANGELES FILE NO. BUFILE NO.

(An asterisk in front of a name indicates that this individual has been approached on at least one occasion, and Bureau authority has been granted to reinterview him.)

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III. Names of those individuals on whom this office contemplates requesting authority to interview in the near future:

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LOS ANGELES FILE NO.

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The leadership of the Los Angeles County Communist Party is continually changing and therefore the number of Toplev interview possibilities will vary from time to time. It is presently estimated that there are still in excess of one hundred individuals who might be considered for interview under the Toplev program in the Los Angeles area.

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Director, FBI (100-3-99)

March 15, 1954

SAC, Los Angeles

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ReNYlet dated September 14, 1953.

As the Bureau is now aware, this subject has returned to the Los Angeles area and is presently residing at [redacted] and is not employed.

Information was received late in 1953 that this subject is apparently under consideration by the Communist Underground in this area to serve in some Underground capacity. In view of this development, the Underground Squad in this office has requested that the subject not be interviewed at this time. In view of this development, efforts to contact this subject under the Toplev Program are being considered closed.

Since the subject now resides in Los Angeles and her residence has been established and since both a summary and a supplemental summary report have been written on this subject, her case is being placed in a closed status.

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This will advise that during the course of spot check surveillances, it has been ascertained that [redacted] continues to reside at [redacted] NY, but that he has not been observed alone under conditions suitable for an interview under the TOPLEV program.

Efforts to contact [redacted] have been deferred due to work on the LEEFRO investigation, but it is anticipated that he will be interviewed by April 15, 1954.

The Bureau will be advised of the results of such interview.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-3-99) (REGISTERED) (AMSD) DATE: March 3, 1954

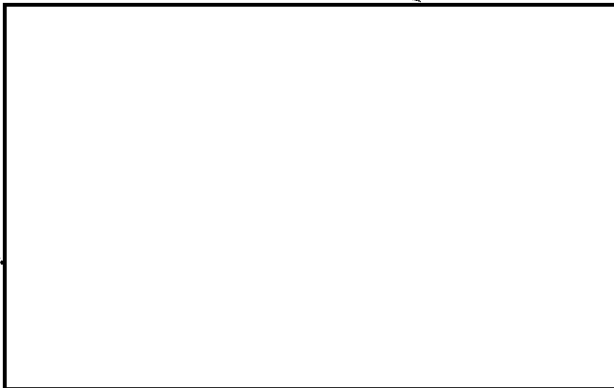
FROM: SAC, Detroit (66-3360)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - TOPLEV
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Rebuletts dated April 7, 1953, April 17, 1953 and mylet dated February 4, 1954.

1. Toplev Subjects being investigated preparatory to requesting Bureau authority to interview:



2. Authority received but not interviewed:



3. Contemplated interviewing:



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Re: CP, USA-TOPLEV
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4. Total number of Subjects to be contacted:
Approximately 29.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

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ReBulet, 5/25/62.

Efforts to contact subject under provisions of the Toplev Program were unsuccessful.

On 6/11/62, by use of suitable pretext telephone calls to the [redacted] and subject, at his residence, it was ascertained subject was [redacted]

The pretext calls were made by SA [redacted] in the capacity of an insurance salesman.

Subject's file will be reviewed upon his return from [redacted] and Bureau authority will be requested to contact subject.

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[redacted] was recontacted under provisions of the Toplev Program on 5/29/62, by SA PHILLIP M. BROOKS on [redacted] the vicinity of [redacted] NY. As on previous contacts, [redacted] greeted the Agent in a friendly manner, however, he immediately pleaded that he was in a hurry and rushed off to his car. Efforts to persuade him to stop for a moment or two to set up an appointment for a future meeting were discarded in his rush to leave. Interview was observed by SA [redacted]

Although it is evident that [redacted] is attempting to avoid any pointed discussion concerning his past activities, his friendly manner during all past contacts show that he is not antagonistic toward the Bureau and that he does not resent the fact that he is being approached by representatives of the Bureau. In view of this fact, another attempt will be made to interest [redacted] into discussing himself and his activities and to convince him that such a discussion would be to his advantage.

The Bureau will be advised when this contact is made.

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